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[REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

TUESDAY OCTOBER 29, 2013, ON PAGE 220]

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, IF I COULD INVITE YOU TO TAKE YOUR SEAT. WE WELCOME YOU TO THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, TODAY TUESDAY, THE OCTOBER 29TH. TAKE NOTE OF THE FACT THAT WE DO HAVE A QUORUM. OUR SERGEANT AT ARMS TODAY IS GARY COLUMNBELTOH. OUR CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER IS WILLIAM T FUJIOKA. OUR COUNTY COUNSEL IS JOHN KRATTLI. AND OUR EXECUTIVE OFFICER IS SACHI HAMAI. THIS MORNING WE HAVE THE PLEASURE OF HAVING WITH US THE RIGHT REVEREND J. JON BRUNO REPRESENTING THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES AT THE INVITATION OF SUPERVISOR GLORIA MOLINA. AND OUR PLEDGE VETERAN IS CHRISTOPHER J. HARRIS, FORMER SERGEANT, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS, AT THE INVITATION OF SUPERVISOR MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH. AND THEN WE WILL BE FAVORED WITH A RENDITION OF OUR NATIONAL ANTHEM AT THE INVITATION OF OUR COLLEAGUE, SUPERVISOR DON KNABE, THAT GROUP IS KNOWN AS "OUTTA SIGHT A-CAPPELLA." AND THEY WILL FAVOR US FOLLOWING THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. IF YOU WOULD BE KIND ENOUGH TO RISE FOR THE INVOCATION. BISHOP?



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1 **REV. J. JON BRUNO:** THANK YOU. IT IS THE HOLINESS OF OUR
2 UNIVERSE THAT GIVES US STRENGTH AND COURAGE. THE SUPERVISORS
3 OF THIS COUNTY HAVE BLESSED US ALL WITH THEIR WISDOM, COURAGE
4 AND DEVOTION. HAVING KNOWN MANY OF THEM FOR A VERY LONG TIME,
5 I KNOW HOW COMMITTED THEY ARE TO THE SERVICE OF THE PEOPLE OF
6 LOS ANGELES COUNTY. HELP US TO BE EVER DILIGENT TO SERVE WITH
7 THEM AS WE ARE THE PEOPLE IN THIS COMMUNITY. LET US NEVER LET
8 OUR OWN PERSONAL INTERESTS OR OUR OWN PERSONAL FEARS OR OUR
9 OWN PERSONAL FAITHS OBSTRUCT US FROM SERVING HUMANITY. I GIVE
10 THANKS, DEAR GOD, FOR THIS CHAMBER, FOR THE GREAT AND
11 ILLUSTRIOUS PEOPLE WHO HAVE SERVED HERE, FOR KENNETH HAN WHOM
12 THIS BUILDING IS NAMED AFTER, AND FOR ALL THE WORK THAT IS
13 DONE HERE. WE ARE BLESSED TO HAVE THESE PEOPLE SERVE THIS
14 PLACE OUT OF THE GOODNESS OF THEIR HEART. IN ALL HOLINESS WE
15 PRAY.

16

17 **CHRISTOPHER J. HARRIS:** LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, PLEASE PLACE YOUR
18 HAND OVER YOUR HEART OR IF YOU ARE A VETERAN PLEASE RENDER A
19 HAND SALUTE. [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE RECITED.]

20

21 **SPEAKER:** LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THE MOST BEAUTIFUL LOVE SONG WE
22 KNOW TO THE MOST WONDERFUL COUNTRY WE KNOW, THE UNITED STATES
23 OF AMERICA, YOURS, MINE, ALL OF OUR NATIONAL ANTHEM FROM OUT
24 OF SIGHT. "OH SAY CAN YOU SEE. BY THE DAWN'S EARLY LIGHT. WHAT
25 SO PROUDLY WE HAIL. AT THE TWILIGHT'S LAST GLEAMING. WHOSE



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1 BROAD STRIPES AND BRIGHT STARS. THROUGH THE PERILOUS FIGHT.
2 O'ER THE RAMPARTS WE WATCHED. WERE SO GALLANTLY STREAMING. AND
3 THE ROCKETS' RED GLARE. THE BOMBS BURSTING IN AIR. GAVE PROOF
4 THROUGH THE NIGHT. THAT OUR FLAG WAS STILL THERE. OH, SAY,
5 DOES THAT STAR SPANGLED BANNER YET WAVE O'ER THE LAND OF THE
6 FREE -- AMERICA, WE LOVE YOU! -- AND THE HOME OF THE BRAVE?
7 [APPLAUSE.]

8

9 **SUP. KNABE:** LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THE OUTTA SIGHT A-CAPPELLA
10 GROUP. THANK YOU, GUYS. [APPLAUSE.]

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12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KNABE. AND
13 WE'LL HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO INTRODUCE THEM MORE FULLY. AT THIS
14 TIME, WE'LL HEAR FROM SUPERVISOR GLORIA MOLINA.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS. IT IS MY
17 HONOR THIS MORNING TO PRESENT A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO
18 BISHOP JON BRUNO. HE AND I HAVE HAD A LONG RELATIONSHIP IN THE
19 COMMUNITY AND IS AN UNBELIEVABLE MAN. TODAY HE IS ONE OF THE
20 MOST DISTINGUISHED CLERGYMEN WHO SERVES AS BISHOP OF THE
21 EPISCOPAL DIOCESE HERE IN LOS ANGELES. BISHOP BRUNO'S DEVOTION
22 TO THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE IS TRULY COMMENDABLE. HIS LONG-
23 STANDING EFFORTS TO PROMOTE NONVIOLENCE AND RECONCILIATION
24 HAVE TOUCHED COUNTLESS LIVES THROUGHOUT THE LOS ANGELES
25 COMMUNITY. WE WANT TO THANK BISHOP BRUNO FOR HIS LEADERSHIP,



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1 HIS COMPASSION AND CERTAINLY HIS DEDICATION TO COMMUNITY
2 SERVICE. I HAVE KNOWN HIM FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS, AND I HAVE
3 ALWAYS BEEN PROUD TO SEE AS HE'S MOVED UP THE RANKS FROM
4 FATHER TO BISHOP IS PRETTY OUTSTANDING, BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY
5 HOW HE HAS BEEN SO DEDICATED TO THE COMMUNITY. WE HONOR YOU
6 TODAY AND WE THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR LEADING US IN OUR
7 INVOCATION. THANK YOU SO MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** BISHOP, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH
10 SOUGHT TO CONVINCE ME THAT YOU WERE A CLASSMATE OF HIS IN
11 COLLEGE, BUT I'M NOT GOING FOR THAT. I'LL ALLOW YOU TO SET THE
12 RECORD STRAIGHT.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BISHOP BRUNO AND I WERE UNDERGRADUATES AND I,
15 THAT'S TRUE. HE PLAYED ON THE FOOTBALL TEAM.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YEAH, HE DID.

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19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IT'S A PLEASURE TO INTRODUCE CHRISTOPHER
20 HARRIS ONCE AGAIN. WHO SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE
21 CORPS FOR EIGHT YEARS. HE WAS A SERGEANT. HE RESIDES IN
22 LANCASTER IN ANTELOPE VALLEY. DECORATIONS RECEIVED INCLUDED
23 THE RIFLE EXPERT FOURTH AWARD, THE NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE
24 MEDAL, THE NAVY AND MARINA ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL, THE IRAQI
25 CAMPAIGN MEDAL, THE NAVY CITATION UNIT AND THE GOOD CONDUCT



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1 MEDAL AND ALSO THE KOREAN DEFENSE MEDAL. HE'S MARRIED WITH ONE
2 CHILD, GRADUATE OF GANESHA HIGH SCHOOL IN POMONA AND NORCO
3 COLLEGE IN CALIFORNIA. HE SERVES AS THE VETERANS CLAIMS
4 ASSISTANT AS THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND
5 VETERANS AFFAIRS. CHRIS, THANK YOU FOR SERVING IN THE MARINE
6 CORPS. WE HAVE A COLONEL WHO IS A JUDGE, FORMER PRESIDING
7 JUDGE WHO IS IN THE AUDIENCE WHO OBSERVED YOU, AS WELL AND WE
8 ARE MAKING A PRESENTATION TO HIM SHORTLY, AS WELL. SO THANK
9 YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO OUR COUNTY AND WORKING FOR OUR COUNTY
10 DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS. [APPLAUSE.]

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12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK BOTH THIS MORNING'S
13 PLEDGE VETERAN AND THE THE INVOCATOR. WE WILL NOW MOVE TO THE
14 AGENDA. GOOD MORNING, MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER. IF YOU WOULD
15 PROCEED WITH THE CALLING OF THE AGENDA FOR TODAY.

16

17 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** GOOD MORNING, MR. CHAIRMAN,
18 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. WE WILL BEGIN TODAY'S AGENDA ON PAGE
19 FOUR, AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
20 COMMISSION, ITEMS 1-D THROUGH 3-D. ON THESE ITEMS, THERE'S A
21 REQUEST FROM EITHER A MEMBER OR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD
22 THESE ITEMS. ON PAGE 6, AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE REGIONAL
23 PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT, ON ITEM 1-P, THIS IS A PUBLIC
24 HEARING, AND WE WILL HOLD IT FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING. ON PAGE
25 SEVEN, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 1 THROUGH 15, ON ITEM



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1 NUMBER 2, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH
2 ABSTAIN FROM THE VOTE. ON ITEM NUMBER 5, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH
3 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NUMBER 6, SUPERVISOR
4 KNABE REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE REFERRED BACK TO HIS OFFICE,
5 AND ALSO ON THIS ITEM, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM MEMBERS OF THE
6 PUBLIC TO HOLD IT. ON ITEMS NUMBER 7 AND 9 THERE'S A REQUEST
7 FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THESE ITEMS. ON ITEM
8 NUMBER 11, SUPERVISOR KNABE AND SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH WILL
9 ABSTAIN FROM THE VOTE. AND ALSO ON THIS ITEM, THERE'S A
10 REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD IT. ON ITEM NUMBER
11 12, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST
12 THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. AND ALSO ON THIS ITEM, SUPERVISOR
13 KNABE VOTES NO. ON ITEM NUMBER 15, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A
14 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. AND THE REMAINING
15 ITEMS UNDER THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ARE BEFORE YOU.

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17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THE ITEMS
18 ARE BEFORE US. SUPERVISOR KNABE MOVES. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH
19 SECONDS. IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS, AS READ BY THE EXECUTIVE
20 OFFICER, PLEASE RECORD A UNANIMOUS VOTE.

21
22 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** OKAY. SO ON ITEM NUMBER 2, IF WE
23 COULD TAKE THAT UP AS A SEPARATE VOTE, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
24 THOMAS AND SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH WILL ABSTAIN.



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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THE MATTER IS BEFORE
2 YOU. IT IS SO ORDERED AS INDICATED.

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4 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** AND ON ITEM NOUMBER 11, SUPERVISOR
5 ANTONOVICH AND SUPERVISOR KNABE WILL ALSO ABSTAIN ON THIS
6 VOTE.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THE BALANCE
9 OF THE MEMBERS PRESENT VOTE AYE. PLEASE RECORD THE VOTE
10 ACCORDINGLY.

11

12 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** AND ON ITEM NUMBER 12, ON THIS
13 ITEM, SUPERVISOR KNABE WILL VOTE NO ON THE ITEM.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** PLEASE RECORD FOUR AYES AND ONE
16 NO AS INDICATED. AND THAT WILL BE THE ORDER.

17

18 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THANK YOU. ON PAGE 12, CONSENT
19 CALENDAR, ITEMS 16 THROUGH 42, ON ITEM NUMBER 16, 17 AND 19,
20 THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THESE
21 ITEMS. ON ITEM NUMBER 25, SUPERVISOR KNABE REQUESTS THAT THIS
22 ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO NOVEMBER 5, 2013.

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24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WITHOUT OBJECTION.

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1 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ALSO ON THIS OBJECTION.

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3 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** 25.

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5 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THERE IS A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER
6 OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD IT. ON ITEM NUMBER 26 AND 27, THERE'S A
7 REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THESE ITEMS. ON
8 ITEM NUMBER 35, SUPERVISOR KNABE REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
9 HELD. ON ITEM NUMBER 37, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF
10 THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. AND ON ITEM NUMBER 42, THIS ITEM
11 WILL BE INTRODUCED AS AN ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION TODAY.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE:** WHICH ITEM IS THAT?

14

15 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** 42. SO I WILL READ THE SHORT TITLE
16 IN FOR THE RECORD. THIS IS AN ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION
17 AMENDING TITLE 1, GENERAL PROVISIONS OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
18 CODE TO ADD CHAPTERS 1.23 NUISANCE ABATEMENT ORDINANCE
19 RELATING TO THE ABATEMENT OF PUBLIC NUISANCES ON PROPERTIES
20 LOCATED IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS
21 ANGELES. THESE ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU UNDER THE CONSENT
22 CALENDAR.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR MOLINA
2 MOVES. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY SECONDS. I SEE NO OBJECTIONS,
3 THEREFORE PLEASE RECORD A UNANIMOUS VOTE.

4

5 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THANK YOU. ON PAGE 24, ORDINANCE
6 FOR INTRODUCTION, ON ITEM NUMBER 43, AGAIN I'LL READ THE SHORT
7 TITLE IN FOR THE RECORD. ON THIS ITEM, THIS IS AN ORDINANCE
8 FOR INTRODUCTION AMENDING THE COUNTY CODE TITLE 12,
9 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION RELATED TO WATER QUALITY AND
10 HYDROMODIFICATION STANDARDS IMPOSED ON THE COUNTY BY THE
11 CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD. ON THIS ITEM,
12 SUPERVISOR KNABE REQUESTS THAT THE ITEM BE HELD. DISCUSSION
13 ITEMS, ITEMS 44 THROUGH 46, ON ITEM NUMBER 44, AS INDICATED ON
14 THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS
15 THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO NOVEMBER 12, 2013. ON
16 ITEM NUMBER 45, WE WILL HOLD THIS FOR A DISCUSSION. ON ITEM
17 NUMBER 46, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM
18 BE CONTINUED THREE WEEKS TO NOVEMBER 19TH INSTEAD OF TWO WEEKS
19 AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA. AND ALSO ON THIS ITEM,
20 THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD IT. ON
21 PAGE 25, MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA WHICH WERE
22 POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING AS
23 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. 47-A? THAT ITEM IS
24 BEFORE YOU.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. IT'S BEEN MOVED BY
2 SUPERVISOR KNABE. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. IF THERE
3 ARE NO OBJECTIONS, PLEASE RECORD A UNANIMOUS VOTE.

4

5 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON ITEM NUMBER 47-B, THERE'S A
6 REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. 47-C IS
7 BEFORE YOU.

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** IT'S BEFORE US. SUPERVISOR
10 MOLINA MOVES. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH SECONDS. SEEING NO
11 OBJECTIONS, PLEASE RECORD A UNANIMOUS VOTE.

12

13 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON PAGE -- EXCUSE ME. ON PAGE 28,
14 NOTICES OF CLOSED SESSION FOR TODAY ON ITEM CS-1 AS INDICATED
15 ON THE POSTED AGENDA, THE COUNTY COUNSEL REQUESTS THAT THIS
16 ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO NOVEMBER 5, 2013. ALSO ON THIS
17 ITEM, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD
18 IT. ON ITEM CS-2, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA, COUNTY
19 COUNSEL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO
20 NOVEMBER 12, 2013. AND ALSO ON THIS ITEM, THERE'S A REQUEST
21 FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD IT. ON ITEM CS-3, THERE'S
22 A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON
23 ITEM CS-4, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA, COUNTY COUNSEL
24 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED THREE WEEKS TO NOVEMBER
25 19, 2013. AND ON CS-8, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE



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1 PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. AND THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF
2 THE AGENDA. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH
3 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NUMBER 2.

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5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AS IS OUR
6 CUSTOM AND PROTOCOL, WE HAVE AN INTERNATIONAL DIGNITARY WITH
7 US. WE WILL ACKNOWLEDGE HIM. AND THEN I'M GOING TO ASK
8 SUPERVISOR KNABE TO MAKE A COUPLE OF SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS,
9 AND THEN WE WILL RESUME WITH THE ORDER OF THE DAY. SO WE ARE
10 PLEASED TO HAVE WITH US ONE OF OUR VERY SPECIAL
11 REPRESENTATIVES, CONSUL GENERAL FROM THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
12 IN LOS ANGELES, AND THE CONSUL GENERAL'S OFFICE RESPONSIBLE
13 FOR OPERATIONS ON THE WEST COAST. HE'S A SENIOR CAREER
14 DIPLOMAT AND IS WELL ACQUAINTED WITH THE UNITED STATES. HE HAS
15 SERVED TWO TOURS IN THE U.A.E. EMBASSY IN D.C. AS HEAD OF ITS
16 POLITICAL SECTION. HE IS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE OFFICIAL
17 DELEGATION TO THE UNITED NATIONS' GENERAL ASSEMBLY MILLENNIUM
18 SESSION IN NEW YORK. HE HAS LED OR PARTICIPATED IN NUMEROUS
19 DELEGATIONS TO REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES. AND
20 BEFORE HE TOOK OVER AS CONSUL GENERAL IN LOS ANGELES, HE WAS
21 DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AMERICAN AND PACIFIC AFFAIRS
22 WITH THE TITLE OF AMBASSADOR AT THE U.A.E. MINISTRY OF FOREIGN
23 AFFAIRS. HE HAS RECEIVED SEVERAL AWARDS, INCLUDING
24 DISTINGUISHED DIPLOMATIC AWARD FROM HIS MINISTRY. AND IT'S ON
25 BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND ALL OF THE RESIDENTS OF



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1 THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES THAT I'M PLEASED TO EXTEND A VERY
2 SPECIAL INVITATION OF WELCOME TO YOU. AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO
3 SUPPORTING YOU AS YOU CONTINUE TO ENHANCE THE SPECIAL
4 RELATIONSHIP THAT WE ALREADY ENJOY. AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO
5 DEEPENING AND BROADENING IT IN THE NEAR TERM. I'M GOING TO ASK
6 IF YOU WOULD COME AND HAVE A FEW WORDS. [APPLAUSE.]

7

8 **HONORABLE ABDULLA ALI AL SABOOSI:** HONORABLE SUPERVISORS, THANK
9 YOU VERY MUCH FOR GIVING THIS OPPORTUNITY TO BE IN FRONT OF
10 YOU TODAY. AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THIS WARM WELCOME. THE
11 U.S. HAS BEEN A SECOND HOME TO ME FOR THE PAST 20 YEARS. I
12 HAVE BEEN ALL OVER THIS GREAT NATION. AND I NEVER FELT LIKE A
13 STRANGER, TO BE HONEST WITH YOU. I'M PLEASED AND PROUD TO HAVE
14 THE OPPORTUNITY TO REPRESENT THE U.A.E. ON THE WEST COAST AND
15 HAVE LOS ANGELES AS A BASE TO EXPAND WHAT HAS BEEN A
16 PHENOMENAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THE UNITED STATES. THE U.A.E. AND
17 THE UNITED STATES U.S. ARE RELIABLE ALLIES WITH SHARED
18 INTERESTS. I'LL JUST GIVE YOU A FEW HIGHLIGHTS OF THE TRADE
19 SIDE OF THE RELATIONSHIP BECAUSE IT SPEAKS VOLUMES. IN 2012,
20 THE TOTAL TRADE BETWEEN THE U.A.E. AND THE U.S. TOPPED 24
21 BILLION, MAKING THE U.A.E. FOR THE PASS PAST FOUR YEARS THE
22 AMERICA'S LARGEST EXPORT MARKET IN THE REGION. 2013 IS OFF TO
23 A RECORD BREAKING START, ALSO. UP 18 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR.
24 THE U.A.E. HAS BEEN A STABLE ENVIRONMENT GROWING DOMESTIC
25 MARKET, ADVANCED INFRASTRUCTURE AND EASE OF CONNECTIVITY



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1 THROUGHOUT THE MIDDLE EAST, AFRICA AND THE INDIAN SUBCONTINENT
2 HAVE ATTRACTED OVER 1,000 AMERICAN BUSINESSES, INCLUDING MANY
3 SMALL/MEDIUM SIZED BUSINESSES, MANY OF WHOM USE THE U.A.E. AS
4 THEIR REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS. AMONG THE STATES, THE UNITED
5 STATES, CALIFORNIA IS THE THIRD LARGEST MERCHANDISE EXPORTER
6 TO THE U.A.E.. AND U.A.E. RANKED 22ND AMONG CALIFORNIAN'S
7 GLOBAL EXPORT MARKETS. LOS ANGELES IS THE FOURTH LARGEST U.S.
8 PORT OF TRADE WITH THE U.A.E.. IN CALIFORNIA, EXPORTS TO THE
9 U.A.E. SUPPORTED NEARLY 23,276 JOBS THROUGHOUT THE STATE,
10 INCLUDING MANY HERE IN LOS ANGELES. EMIRATES AIRLINE HAS A
11 DAILY FLIGHT OUT OF DUBAI, AND THE 380 IS COMING THIS
12 DECEMBER. (INAUDIBLE) IS FLYING NEXT YEAR FROM THE CAPITAL ABU
13 DHABI. THE RELATIONS IS EXPANDING. AND WITH YOUR HELP, I
14 PROMISE TO DO MY BEST TO GROW OVER AND BUILD UP ON THIS TO
15 FURTHER PROMOTE OUR FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION. THANK YOU VERY
16 MUCH FOR THE TIME. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND
19 WE'RE GOING TO NOW ASK MEMBERS OF THE BOARD IF THEY WOULD JOIN
20 US IN OUR CEREMONIAL WELCOME OF OUR NEW CONSUL GENERAL,
21 ABDULLA ALI AL SABOOSI.

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23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THE HONORABLE DON KNABE.



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1 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD,
2 LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. SOME VERY SPECIAL FOLKS WITH US THIS
3 MORNING. AND I APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SORT OF GO OUT OF
4 SYNC HERE, BUT I'D LIKE TO INVITE TO THE STAGE BETTY MORRIS,
5 BOARD MEMBER FOR ARC, MARIA MORAND, WHO IS A HUMAN RESOURCE
6 MANAGER, CHRISTINA STEVENS WHO IS A MANAGER AT BY BICYCLE
7 CASINO. AND AT JOE COON, GENERAL MANAGER DOUBLETREE LOS
8 ANGELES WHO ARE REPRESENTING THEIR EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS.
9 CONSUMERS WITH US TODAY ARE GABRIELLE CHAVEZ, JAIME HERNANDEZ
10 AND THALIA SHABERONE AND WE WANT TO HONOR THEM FOR THEIR
11 AMAZING WORK THAT THEY DO IN SUPPORTING PERSONS WITH
12 DISABILITIES TO WORK HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. OCTOBER IS
13 THE NATIONAL EMPLOYMENT WITH DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH. IT
14 ORIGINATED BACK IN 1945 TO ENLIST THE SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT FOR
15 PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES AND TODAY HELPS CONTINUE THE
16 MESSAGE, THE VERY IMPORTANT MESSAGE THAT A STRONG WORKFORCE IS
17 AN INCLUSIVE WORKFORCE. WITH US TODAY ARE THE ORGANIZATIONS
18 THAT STRIVE TO HELP PEOPLE ACHIEVE THEIR DREAMS OF BECOMING
19 EMPLOYEES AND BECOMING EMPLOYED. THEY ARE TRUE ADVOCATES FOR
20 PERSONS WITH BOTH PHYSICAL AS WELL AS DEVELOPMENTAL
21 DISABILITIES AND WORK HARD TO PROMOTE EMPLOYMENT BY NOT ONLY
22 BEING EMPLOYERS THEMSELVES BUT BY DEVELOPING VARIOUS
23 REHABILITATION, TRAINING AND JOB PLACEMENT ASSISTANCE
24 PROGRAMS. SO THE BOARD JUST WANTS TO RECOGNIZE THIS MONTH, BUT
25 MORE IMPORTANTLY TO COMMEND THE ARC FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING



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1 COMMITMENTS AND ONGOING EFFORTS NOT ONLY PAST BUT MOVING
2 FORWARD TO PROMOTE EMPLOYMENT FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES
3 THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. THE ARC'S DONE AN
4 AMAZING JOB OVER THE YEARS, BUT THEY COULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT
5 THE SUPPORT OF EMPLOYERS LIKE THOSE BEFORE YOU TODAY AND THE
6 CONSUMERS WHO JUST DO AN INCREDIBLE JOB ON BEHALF OF THESE
7 EMPLOYERS. SO WE WANT TO COMMEND EVERYONE AND THANK EVERYONE.
8 AND IT WAS MENTIONED EARLIER, BUT WE PRESENTED SCROLLS
9 UPSTAIRS, BUT THOSE YOUNG MEN THAT WERE OUT THERE TODAY, I
10 BELIEVE THEY'RE ON STAGE WITH ME, AS WELL, OTIS ALBERT, ELI
11 DEL RIO AND ROBERT SMITH WHO MAKE UP THAT OTTA SIGHT A-
12 CAPPELLA BLIND SINGING GROUP. ALL THREE MEN ARE LEGALLY BLIND
13 AND HAVE BEEN SINGING TOGETHER FOR MORE THAN 20 YEARS. THEY
14 HAVE STARTED THEIR OWN BUSINESS AND ARE INVOLVED IN PROMOTING
15 LITERACY AND EDUCATION AND ARE A TRUE INSPIRATION TO ALL OF
16 US. PLEASE JOIN ME IN WELCOMING ALL THESE FOLKS HERE TODAY. A
17 BIG HEARTFELT THANKS TO ARC FOR ALL THEY DO EACH AND EVERY DAY
18 ON BEHALF OF THOSE FOLKS WITH DISABILITIES. [APPLAUSE.]

19

20 **BETTY MORSE:** MY NAME IS BETTY MORSE AND I SERVE ON THE BOARD
21 OF THE ARC OF LOS ANGELES AND ORANGE COUNTY, AND I'M EXCITED
22 TO SHARE WITH YOU A VICTORY THAT'S BEEN TAKING PLACE SINCE
23 LAST TIME WE WERE HERE. WE HAD 50 DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED
24 ADULTS WHO HAVE BEEN HIRED IN THE COMMUNITY. AND THESE THREE
25 COMPANIES REPRESENTED UP HERE, DOUBLE TREE, PERMASWAGE, AND



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1 BICYCLE CLUB ALL REPRESENT BUSINESSES THAT HAVE SEEN HOW
2 IMPORTANT IT IS TO HIRE A PERSON THAT CARES ABOUT WHAT THEY'RE
3 DOING, SHOWS UP TO DO IT, AND ASKS A QUESTION FOR A LITTLE BIT
4 MORE OF TRAINING ON HOW TO DO THE BEST JOB THEY CAN. WE SHARE
5 THIS VICTORY WITH YOU TODAY, AND YOU PEOPLE SHOULD BE EXCITED
6 ABOUT IT. [APPLAUSE.]

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** AGAIN, THANK YOU VERY MUCH,
9 SUPERVISOR KNABE, FOR THAT SPECIAL PRESENTATION. AND NOW WE
10 WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE L.A. COUNTY STARS. IT'S A PLEASURE TO
11 INTRODUCE OUR OCTOBER 2013 L.A. COUNTY STARS. TODAY WE ARE
12 RECOGNIZING ONE INDIVIDUAL AND ONE TEAM BOTH IN THE CATEGORY
13 OF SERVICE EXCELLENCE IN ORGANIZATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS. AND SO
14 I WISH TO ACKNOWLEDGE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
15 BRANT CHOATE, DIRECTOR OF JAIL PROGRAMS FROM THE EDUCATION-
16 BASED INCARCERATION BUREAU OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.
17 SHERIFF LEE BACA, CHIEF DAVE FENDER, CAPTAIN MICHAEL BORNMAN.
18 THEY ARE ALL HERE. GIVE THEM A ROUND OF APPLAUSE, PLEASE.
19 [APPLAUSE.] OVER THE PAST 18 MONTHS, BRANT CHOATE HAS BEEN A
20 TIRELESS ADVOCATE FOR INMATE EDUCATION. THROUGH HIS EFFORTS,
21 THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT NOW BOASTS THREE CHARTER SCHOOLS, A
22 HIGH SCHOOL AND A COMMUNITY COLLEGE OFFERING INMATES G.E.D.
23 PROGRAMS, HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMAS AND ASSOCIATE ARTS DEGREES
24 THROUGH INDEPENDENT STUDY. HIS VISIONARY CONCEPTS HAVE LED TO
25 A NUMBER OF IMPRESSIVE INNOVATIONS IN CUSTODY PROGRAMMING,



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1 INCLUDING REMOTE LEARNING THROUGH THE USE OF COMPUTERS,
2 INMATES TEACHING INMATES THROUGH THE MERIT MASTERS PROGRAM,
3 CREATIVE USE OF TECHNOLOGIES, AND THE GROWTH OF PROGRAMS IN
4 ALL ASPECTS OF THE CORRECTIONAL ENVIRONMENT. HE HAS SAVED THE
5 COUNTY APPROXIMATELY EIGHT MILLION DOLLARS THIS YEAR BY
6 PROCURING THESE ALTERNATIVES FOR INMATE EDUCATION, PROVIDING
7 PROGRAMMING TO INMATES CONFINED IN THE L.A. COUNTY JAIL SYSTEM
8 IS A DAUNTING TASK. ON ANY GIVEN DAY, NEARLY 19,000 PEOPLE ARE
9 IN THE SHERIFF'S CUSTODY. MANY INMATES SUFFER FROM LEARNING
10 DISABILITIES, DEPRESSION AND MENTAL DISORDERS. SO BRANT CHOATE
11 HAS BEEN -- HAS PROVEN HIMSELF TO BE MORE THAN UP TO THE TASK
12 OF HELPING THEM REALIZE THEIR GREATER POTENTIAL. PLEASE JOIN
13 ME IN CONGRATULATING DIRECTOR BRANT CHOATE FOR HIS OUTSTANDING
14 WORK. AND WE ASK NOW THAT SHERIFF BACA GIVE REMARKS. SHERIFF?

15

16 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIR, THANK YOU, BOARD OF
17 SUPERVISORS, FOR RECOGNIZING BRANT CHOATE. AS A SCHOOL
18 ADMINISTRATOR, HE HAS BEEN SIGNIFICANT AT ACQUIRING THREE
19 CHARTER SCHOOLS. ONE IS JOHN MUIR, ANOTHER IS CENTINELLA, AND
20 FIVE KEYS. THERE ARE 1,000 INMATES WHO ARE ENROLLED IN THEIR
21 HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA PROGRAM. AND 75 MERIT MASTERS WHO ARE
22 OTHER INMATES WHO HAVE GONE THROUGH PROGRAM ARE PART OF THE
23 TUTELAGE THAT IS REQUIRED TO ASSURE THEY COMPLETE THEIR
24 PROGRAMS. IRONICALLY, FIVE INMATES HAVE SOUGHT THROUGH THE
25 JUDGE TO EXTEND THEIR SENTENCES SO THEY COULD FINISH THEIR



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1 HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM. THERE ARE THREE TATTOO REMOVAL MACHINES
2 THAT ARE IN FULL USE. AND THE ENTIRE POPULATION OF THE COUNTY
3 JAIL, 42 PERCENT ARE NOW ENROLLED IN VARIOUS PROGRAMS. ALL
4 THIS WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE WERE IT NOT FOR BRANT CHOATE, WHO
5 IS BEING HONORED TODAY BY THE BOARD. AND I COMMEND AND THANK
6 THE BOARD FOR THEIR THOUGHTFULNESS IN THIS REGARD. THANK YOU.
7 [APPLAUSE.]

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** AND NOW WE WANT TO CALL FORWARD
10 FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING THE FLORENCE
11 FIRESTONE/WALNUT PARK ZONING ENFORCEMENT TASKFORCE. THIS IS A
12 TEAM THAT DESERVE ACKNOWLEDGMENT. WE TAKE NOTE OF JONATHAN P.
13 BELL, DAVID FUENTES, RICHARD BRUCKNER AND JOHN SANABAREA. THEY
14 ARE HERE. GIVE THEM A ROUND OF APPLAUSE, WON'T YOU, PLEASE?
15 [APPLAUSE.] JONATHAN BELL AND DAVID FUENTES ARE REGIONAL
16 PLANNING'S LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES TO THE UNINCORPORATED
17 COMMUNITIES OF FLORENCE-FIRESTONE AND WALNUT PARK. THEY ARE
18 THE FACE OF THE COUNTY CODE ENFORCEMENT AND THE RAPIDLY
19 GROWING AREA WITH THE RESIDENTS OFTEN UNCLEAR ABOUT WHO
20 PROVIDES THEIR LOCAL SERVICES. WITH THE ECONOMIC DOWNTURN AND
21 HOUSING CRISIS, THERE HAS BEEN AN INCREASE IN FORECLOSURES,
22 PROPERTY TURNOVERS, VACANT AND ABANDONED HOMES, ILLEGAL
23 SQUATTERS AND ILLICIT BUSINESSES. BETWEEN THEM, THAT IS
24 JONATHAN AND DAVID, OPENED OVER 1,000 NEW CASES, REINSPECTED
25 ALMOST 2,000 CASES, AND CLOSED ALMOST 1,000 CASES. THEY



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1 DESERVE A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR THEIR WORK. [APPLAUSE.]
2 ADDITIONALLY, THEY HAVE FILED SEVERAL CASES WITH THE DISTRICT
3 ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND COUNTY COUNSEL. THEY PARTNERED WITH
4 OTHER COUNTY AGENCIES, SUCH AS THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT,
5 PUBLIC WORKS, PUBLIC HEALTH AS WELL AS MET WITH LOCAL LEADERS
6 ON A MONTHLY BASIS TO ADDRESS THESE CONCERNS. ON AN AVERAGE, A
7 ZONING INSPECTOR WOULD INSPECT APPROXIMATELY 1,000 PROPERTIES
8 PER YEAR. TOGETHER, JONATHAN AND DAVID CONDUCTED CLOSE TO
9 4,000 INSPECTIONS LAST YEAR ALONE. AND THEIR EFFORTS HAVE
10 BECOME A TEMPLATE DUPLICATED IN OTHER UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF
11 THE COUNTY. THIS IS ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF HOW DEPARTMENTS AND
12 THEIR EMPLOYEES ARE MEETING THE GOAL OF SERVICE EXCELLENCE AND
13 ORGANIZATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS. PLEASE JOIN ME IN CONGRATULATING
14 THE FLORENCE-FIRESTONE WALNUT PARK ZONING ENFORCEMENT TEAM AND
15 THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING
16 WORK. AND I'M GOING TO CALL NOW THE DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL
17 PLANNING, RICHARD BRUCKNER, IF HE WOULD COME FORTH AND HAVE
18 REMARKS. A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE, PLEASE. [APPLAUSE.]

19

20 **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN, AND THANK YOU,
21 BOARD, FOR THE RECOGNITION OF THIS HARD WORK. THIS IS
22 EMBLEMATIC OF THE WORK THAT THE ZONING ENFORCEMENT GROUP DOES
23 TO MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF NEIGHBORHOODS
24 THROUGHOUT THE UNINCORPORATED AREA. THESE TWO GENTLEMEN HAVE
25 WORKED EXTREMELY HARD AND UNDER THE DIRECTORSHIP OF JOHN AND



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1 PAT WHO PROVIDED LEADERSHIP. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE
2 RECOGNITION.

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** TODAY I'M JOINED BY CHIEF
5 EXECUTIVE OFFICER BILL FUJIOKA AND THE STATE ASSOCIATION OF
6 COUNTIES DIRECTOR MATT CATE TO PRESENT THE 2013 MERIT AWARDS
7 AS A PART OF THEIR ANNUAL CHALLENGE AWARDS COMPETITION. THE
8 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IS PROUD TO RECOGNIZE THE COUNTY
9 RECIPIENTS OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES
10 ANNUAL STATE WIDE CHALLENGE AWARDS COMPETITION THAT HONORS
11 INNOVATION IN COUNTY GOVERNMENT. NEARLY 220 CHALLENGE AWARD
12 ENTRIES WERE RECEIVED, AND AN INDEPENDENT PANEL OF JUDGES WITH
13 EXPERTISE IN COUNTY PROGRAMS SELECTED THE AWARD RECIPIENTS. MY
14 BOARD COLLEAGUES AND I ARE EXTREMELY PLEASED THAT TWO COUNTY
15 PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS ARE RECOGNIZED TODAY AND WILL BE
16 SHOWCASED AT C.S.A.C., ON C.S.A.C.'S WEBSITE. THESE EFFECTIVE
17 AND CREATIVE PROGRAMS ENHANCE OUR COUNTY'S IMAGE AND ALLOW US
18 TO SHARE VALUABLE INFORMATION WITH OTHER COUNTIES ACROSS THE
19 NATION. IN OTHER WORDS, WE ARE LEADERS. NOW, THE FOLLOWING
20 DEPARTMENTS JOIN ME ON STAGE TO RECEIVE THE 2013 C.S.A.C.
21 MERIT AWARDS, AND AS YOU SEE, THEY ARE: THE ART COMMISSION
22 RECOGNIZED FOR DEL AIRE FRUIT PARK. THAT'S A BIG DEAL. AND
23 ACCEPTING THE AWARD IS MARGARITE PRUNING, DIRECTOR OF CIVIC
24 ART. AND LATICIA EVANS, PROJECT MANAGER. HOW ABOUT A BIG ROUND
25 OF APPLAUSE FOR THEM? [APPLAUSE.]



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SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THEN WE HAVE THE DEPARTMENT OF
MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS AS THEY ARE RECOGNIZED FOR
VETERANS SYSTEM NAVIGATE OR SERVICES. AND ACCEPTING THE AWARD
IS RUTH WONG, DIRECTOR, AND DR. CARL P. MCKNIGHT, PROJECT
MANAGER. A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE, PLEASE. [APPLAUSE.] SO WE
WANT TO SAY CONGRATULATIONS TO BOTH ENTITIES, BOTH THE ART
COMMISSION AND DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS. WE
CONGRATULATE THEM ON THESE IMPORTANT ACCOMPLISHMENTS. NOW I
WOULD LIKE TO ASK THAT MATT CATE SAY A FEW WORDS. AND THEN WE
WILL PROCEED TO THE NEXT PRESENTATION. MATT?

12

MATT CATE: THANK YOU. THANK YOU, MR. CHAIR. SUPERVISORS AND
STAFF, IT'S A GREAT PLEASURE TO REPRESENT THE CALIFORNIA STATE
ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES IN PRESENTING THE L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS WITH THESE TWO INNOVATION AND MERIT AWARDS. AS THE
CHAIR SAID, THERE WERE 220 SUBMISSIONS THROUGHOUT CALIFORNIA.
A BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND SENIOR STAFF SELECTED ONLY THE VERY
TOP AWARDS IN INNOVATION. AND IN A VERY RARE OCCURRENCE, L.A.
COUNTY WAS SELECTED NOT ONCE BUT TWICE. BOTH THESE PROGRAMS WE
FOUND TO BE INNOVATIVE NOT ONLY IN CALIFORNIA BUT ACROSS THE
COUNTRY. THE FIRST PROGRAM TO BE RECOGNIZED IS THE DEL AIRE
FRUIT PARK. IN IS AGAIN A REAL INNOVATION WHERE AN ARTS
PROGRAM, AN ARTS COMMISSION WORK TOGETHER WITH PARKS AND REC
TO NOT ONLY BEAUTIFY A DISTRICT BUT ALSO, IN THIS CASE, REALLY



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1 USE AN ORCHARD TO PROVIDE A SOLUTION TO A SITUATION WITH
2 HUNGER AND ALSO WITH FOOD LITERACY. SO COMBINING ARTS WITH
3 REALLY TEACHING A COMMUNITY ABOUT THE VALUE OF FRESH FRUITS
4 AND VEGETABLES IS TRULY INNOVATIVE. CHAIRMAN RIDLEY-THOMAS'
5 STAFF HELPED PULL THIS TOGETHER WITH THE ARTS COMMISSION. SO
6 WE HONOR YOU TODAY FOR THIS AWARD AT C.S.A.C..
7 CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE.] AND THEN THE SECOND AWARD WAS
8 SIMILARLY MERITORIOUS. IN THIS CASE WE HAVE A MERIT AWARD FOR
9 A PROGRAM THAT HELPS MILITARY VETERANS RETURNING HERE TO LOS
10 ANGELES COUNTY FROM AFGHANISTAN AND IRAQ. THE EXPERTS AT THE
11 LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS
12 FOUND THAT EARLY INTERVENTION IN MENTAL HEALTH AND PHYSICAL
13 HEALTH MADE A HUGE DIFFERENCE TO THE VETERANS RETURNING HOME
14 FROM THEIR SERVICE OVERSEAS BACK HERE TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY.
15 AND SO WORKING TOGETHER WITH EXPERTS IN THE MENTAL HEALTH
16 FIELD, THE ADMINISTRATION AND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PUT
17 TOGETHER AN EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM TO IDENTIFY THESE NEEDS
18 AND TO BEGIN TO MEET THOSE NEEDS IMMEDIATELY. AND IT HAS PAID
19 HUGE DIVIDENDS TO THE MEN AND WOMEN OF THE ARMED SERVICES
20 RETURNING TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AND IT IS TO BE COMMENDED.
21 IT'S THE FIRST OF OUR KIND THAT WE HAVE SEEN IN CALIFORNIA AND
22 ACROSS THE COUNTRY. AND, AGAIN, CREDIT TO THE BOARD OF
23 SUPERVISORS, CREDIT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS. AND
24 CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF YOU AND THE C.A.O.'S OFFICE AND
25 EVERYONE ELSE WHO IS RESPONSIBLE. [APPLAUSE.]



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, PLEASE.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. I'D LIKE TO -- OH,
5 THEY'RE HERE. OKAY. GOOD WORK. [LAUGHTER.] THE LOS ANGELES
6 HOMELESS SERVICE AUTHORITY REPORTS 8,713 YOUTH UNDER THE AGE
7 OF 24 IN THE 2013 LOS ANGELES HOMELESS COUNT. AN ESTIMATED
8 200,000 YOUTH UNDER THE AGE OF 18 AND THOUSANDS MORE AGES 18
9 TO 24 EXPERIENCE HOMELESSNESS EACH YEAR ACROSS CALIFORNIA.
10 LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL AND TRANSGENDER YOUTH COMPRISE A
11 DISPROPORTIONATE, 30 TO 40 PERCENT OF THE SHARE OF THE
12 HOMELESS YOUTH POPULATION. THE GROUP FREQUENTLY ABUSED AT
13 HOME, OFTEN EXPELLED FROM THEIR HOMES BY THEIR FAMILIES,
14 SEPARATED BY THEIR PARENTS BY DEATH AND DIVORCE, DISCHARGED
15 FROM FOSTER CARE OR OTHER CUSTODIAL PROGRAMS WITHOUT ADEQUATE
16 TRANSITION PLANS, UNABLE TO FINANCIALLY PROVIDE FOR THEMSELVES
17 AND UNABLE TO ACCESS ADEQUATE MEDICAL OR MENTAL HEALTH
18 RESOURCES. PROVIDING SAFE, STABLE AND PERMANENT HOUSING FOR
19 RUNAWAY AND HOMELESS YOUTH MUST BECOME MORE OF A LOCAL AND
20 NATIONAL PRIORITY AS THE WELL-BEING OF OUR COMMUNITY DEPENDS
21 UPON THE VALUE WE PLACE IN OUR YOUTH AND OUR COMMITMENT TO
22 PROVIDE THESE VULNERABLE YOUNG PEOPLE WITH OPPORTUNITIES TO
23 ACQUIRE THE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES THEY NEED TO FIND
24 AND MAINTAIN STABLE HOUSING AND DEVELOP INTO HEALTHY AND
25 PRODUCTIVE ADULTS. THE LOS ANGELES COALITION TO END YOUTH



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1 HOMELESSNESS IS A COUNTYWIDE BODY OF HOMELESS YOUTH SERVICE
2 PROVIDERS, COUNTY SYSTEM REPRESENTATIVES, COMMUNITY PARTNERS,
3 ADVOCATES, FUNDERS AND POLICYMAKERS ACTIVELY SUPPORTING
4 EFFORTS TO MINIMIZE YOUTH HOMELESSNESS AND IT JOINS THE
5 CALIFORNIA COALITION FOR YOUTH IN SPONSORING THE THIRD ANNUAL
6 CALIFORNIA RUNAWAY AND HOMELESS YOUTH MONTH TO ENCOURAGE
7 ACTION ON BEHALF OF YOUTH WHO ARE AT RISK OR CURRENTLY LIVING
8 ON THE STREET. SO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WANTED TO TAKE THIS
9 OPPORTUNITY TODAY TO PROCLAIM NOVEMBER 2013 AS RUNAWAY AND
10 HOMELESS YOUTH MONTH IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, AND ALL THE
11 RESIDENTS OF OUR COUNTY ARE URGED TO SUPPORT PUBLIC AND
12 PRIVATE EFFORTS TO ASSIST RUNAWAY AND HOMELESS YOUTH IN OUR
13 COMMUNITY. WE ARE JOINED TODAY BY HEATHER CARMICHAEL OF MY
14 FRIENDS PLACE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF MY FRIEND'S PLACE, WE'VE
15 BEEN SPENDING A LOT OF TIME TOGETHER AT NIGHT CLUBS AND THE
16 LIKE IN HOLLYWOOD, THAT WAS A GREAT EVENT.

17

18 **HEATHER CARMICHAEL:** THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT IT WAS PAST MY BEDTIME. [LAUGHTER.] AND
21 A NUMBER OF OTHER PEOPLE WHO I WILL ASK YOU, HEATHER, IF
22 YOU'LL INTRODUCE THEM. BUT I WANTED TO PRESENT YOU MY FRIEND'S
23 PLACE AS WELL AS THE OTHERS WHO ARE REPRESENTED HERE TOIL IN
24 THE VINEYARDS OF THIS VERY DIFFICULT ISSUE OF HOMELESS YOUTH
25 IN OUR COUNTY. AND WHILE THEY'RE BASED IN HOLLYWOOD, THE



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1 HOMELESS YOUTH THAT COME THEIR WAY COME FROM ALL OVER THE
2 COUNTY AND BEYOND. HOLLYWOOD IS A MAGNET FOR MORE THINGS THAN
3 MOVIE STARS. SO YOU DO A GREAT JOB OUT THERE. AND ALL OF YOU
4 DO A GREAT JOB IN YOUR OWN AGENCIES AND SILOS. SO LET ME
5 PRESENT THIS PROCLAMATION TO YOU, HEATHER. TAKE A QUICK
6 PICTURE. AND THEN YOU CAN SAY A FEW WORDS. [APPLAUSE.]

7

8 **HEATHER CARMICHAEL:** FIRST AND FOREMOST THANK YOU FOR YOUR
9 LEADERSHIP. GREETINGS ANGELINO AND BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. WE
10 ARE EXCITED TO BE HERE TODAY AND TO HAVE THIS RECOGNITION,
11 PARTICULARLY FOR THE YOUNG ADULTS IN THE AUDIENCE HERE, THAT
12 THERE'S LEADERSHIP REALLY WANTING TO MAKE SURE THAT YOUNG
13 PEOPLE ARE MOVING FROM THE MARGINS INTO SUCCESS. SO, MANY OF
14 YOU KNOW THAT YOUNG PEOPLE DON'T INTENTIONALLY FIND THEIR WAYS
15 INTO HOMELESSNESS, BUT WHAT AWAITS THEM IS PRETTY HORRIFYING.
16 AND IT IS HERE TODAY THAT I STAND WITH AMAZING LEADERS AND
17 PROVIDERS THAT I'D LIKE TO MENTION THAT ARE REALLY LOOKING AT
18 BRINGING YOUNG PEOPLE FROM THAT CHAOS INTO STABILITY AND
19 CONTRIBUTING COMMUNITY MEMBERS OF OURS. I WOULD LIKE TO
20 ACKNOWLEDGE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL, THE CORPORATION FOR
21 SUPPORTIVE HOUSING, CONNECT TO PROTECT L.A., THE HOLLYWOOD
22 HOMELESS YOUTH PARTNERSHIP, THE GAY AND LESBIAN CENTER, LOS
23 ANGELES YOUTH NETWORK, MY FRIEND'S PLACE, SAFE PLACE FOR
24 YOUTH, STEP UP ON SECOND, AND THE VILLAGE FAMILY SERVICES. WE
25 OPEN OUR DOORS EVERY DAY TO THESE TREMENDOUS PEOPLE AND WE SO



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1 APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

2 [APPLAUSE.]

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, PLEASE.

5 THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY FOR THAT VERY SPECIAL

6 PRESENTATION. ANOTHER BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR THEM. THEY ARE

7 DOING GOD'S WORK.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS, TODAY WE ARE GOING TO
10 WELCOME FORMER PRESIDING JUDGE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERIOR
11 COURT, JUDGE TIM MCCOY, WHO IS RETIRING AFTER 20 YEARS SERVING
12 ON THE BENCH. HE IS A FORMER MARINE CAPTAIN AND ARTILLERY IN
13 THE VIETNAM WAR. HE RECEIVED HIS DOCTORATE IN LAW IN 1975 IN
14 THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SCHOOL OF LAW. THEN HE JOINED THE LOS
15 ANGELES OFFICE OF SHEPPARD MULLIN RICHTER AND HAMPTON THAT
16 SAME YEAR. AFTER 17 YEARS, HE THEN LEFT TO BECOME CHIEF DEPUTY
17 AND CHIEF OF STAFF TO MATT FONG, WHO WAS A MEMBER OF THE STATE
18 BOARD OF EQUALIZATION. THEN IN 1993, GOVERNOR PETE WILSON
19 APPOINTED HIM TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT WHERE
20 HE BEGAN HANDLING CIVIL AND FELONY CASES. AND THEN HE BECAME
21 ONE OF THE FIRST JUDGES TO SERVE AS SUPERVISING JUDGE OF THE
22 COMPLEX LITIGATION BEFORE BECOMING ASSISTANT PRESIDING JUDGE
23 AND LATER PRESIDING JUDGE OF OUR COUNTY COURT. SO, TIM, ON
24 BEHALF OF THE COUNTY FOR YOUR 20 YEARS OF SERVICE, HE'S NOW A
25 MEDIATOR, SO HE'S STILL IN THE PRACTICE OF LAW AND MEDIATIONS.



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1 WE GIVE YOU THIS PROCLAMATION FOR YOUR 20 YEARS OF SERVING ON
2 THE BENCH. AND ALSO APPRECIATE YOUR SERVICE IN THE MARINE
3 CORPS DURING THE VIETNAM CONFLICT. [APPLAUSE.]

4

5 **TIM MCCOY:** I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT SERVING AS YOUR PRESIDING
6 JUDGE FOR THIS GREAT COUNTY WAS PROBABLY ONE OF THE GREATEST
7 PRIVILEGES OF MY LIFE. AND TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF
8 SUPERVISORS, TO ALL OF YOU, I DEEPLY APPRECIATE THIS
9 RECOGNITION FROM YOU AND I CONSIDER THIS A RECOGNITION OF THE
10 SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP THAT THE COURTS AND THE COUNTY HAVE HERE.
11 THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW, WE WANT TO WELCOME TO THE COUNTY AS WE
14 CELEBRATE THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY, THE PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN
15 SECTION OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CIVIL ENGINEERS AND DON
16 SEPULVEDA WHO IS THE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN AS THEY CELEBRATE
17 THEIR SECTION'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY. THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF
18 CIVIL ENGINEERS REPRESENTS OVER 8,000 MEMBERS. IT'S ONE OF THE
19 OLDEST ENGINEERING SOCIETIES IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. ITS
20 MISSION IS TO FACILITATE THE ADVANCEMENT OF TECHNOLOGY, LIFE
21 LONG LEARNING AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT AMONG CIVIL
22 ENGINEERS. SO CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR 100TH ANNIVERSARY.
23 [APPLAUSE.]

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1 **DON SEPULVEDA:** THANK YOU TO SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND THE
2 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD FOR RECOGNIZING THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF
3 CIVIL ENGINEERS LOS ANGELES SECTION. OUR CENTENNIAL. AS CIVIL
4 ENGINEERS WE ARE STEWARDS OF INFRASTRUCTURE, AND WE'VE HAD A
5 GREAT 100 YEARS SO FAR WITH A LOT OF LANDMARKS AROUND THE
6 COUNTY, INCLUDING THE LOS ANGELES AQUEDUCT AND MANY OF THE
7 BUILDINGS. AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO ENTERING OUR SECOND 100
8 YEARS. I LOOK FORWARD TO SERVING THE COUNTY AND THE FOLKS OF
9 LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE DR. RONGXIANG
12 XU WHO IS THE RECIPIENT OF THE GOLDEN BIATEC AWARD FOR HIS
13 SCIENTIFIC WORK IN THE REGENERATION OF HUMAN TISSUE. WITH DR.
14 XU TODAY IS HIS SON KEVIN XU ALSO ASSISTS HIM IN THIS EFFORT.
15 DR. XU IS RENOWN TRAUMA, BURN SURGEON, SCIENTIST WHO
16 REVOLUTIONIZED THE WAY DOCTORS NOW TREAT BURN VICTIMS. PRIOR
17 TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF NUTRITIONALLY COATED BANDAGES DEVELOPED
18 BY DR. XU, PATIENTS WOULD ENDURE PAINFUL SKIN GRAFT SURGERY
19 WHICH RESULTED IN LIFE- LONG SCARRING. BY REPLACING SKIN
20 GRAPHING WITH THIS APPLICATION OF NUTRITIONALLY COATED
21 BANDAGES, PATIENTS NOW WITH FIRST AND SECOND DEGREE BURNS
22 EXPERIENCE LITTLE TO NO SCARRING. AND THAT'S IMPORTANT. WITH
23 LITTLE OR NO SCARRING. DR. XU'S DEVELOPMENT HAS LED TO THE
24 SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY TO BELIEVE THAT TECHNOLOGY COULD ONE DAY
25 BE USED TO REGENERATE DAMAGED TISSUE AND ORGANS THROUGHOUT THE



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1 BODY. SO WE WANT TO CONGRATULATE HIM AND WISH HIM CONTINUED
2 SUCCESS. [APPLAUSE.]

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4 **KEVIN XU:** THANK EVERYONE ON BEHALF OF THE ORGANIZATION
5 REGENERATION SCIENCE AND ITS INVENTOR, WE'RE PLEASED AND
6 THANKFUL TO THIS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FOR PRESENTING US SUCH
7 AWARD AND ALSO FOR THEIR SUPPORT AND TRUST. WE'RE LOOKING
8 FORWARD IN FUTURE TO CONTINUOUSLY MAINTAINING THE LONG LASTING
9 FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE SCIENCE, THE COMMUNITY AND THE
10 OFFICIALS. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

11

12 **SUP ATNONOVICH:** NOW WE HAVE A LITTLE CHIHUAHUA MIX. 1 YEAR OLD
13 NAMED TIMMY. THIS IS LITTLE TIMMY. HE'S LOOKING FOR A HOME. SO
14 ANYBODY WOULD LIKE TO ADOPT YOU CAN CALL 562-728-4610. HE
15 LOOKS LIKE A LITTLE CHIHUAHUA DOXIE MIX. NO GREAT DANE. NO
16 LAB. OKAY. SEE ANYBODY OUT THERE?

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR MOLINA,
19 PLEASE?

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21 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN, WE'RE VERY PROUD THIS
22 MORNING TO RECOGNIZE A LONGTIME MEMBER OF OUR COUNTY FAMILY,
23 LOS ANGELES COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER LUIS RODRIGUEZ. LUIS IS
24 JOINED BY HIS MOTHER, SOCORA RODRIGUEZ WHO IS JOINING US HERE
25 TODAY, HIS WIFE YOLANDA AND HIS BROTHER RAUL. WE'RE ALSO



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1 HONORED THIS MORNING THAT PUBLIC DEFENDER RON BROWN HAS JOINED
2 US TODAY. THROUGHOUT THE YEARS, LUIS HAS SERVED AS PUBLIC
3 DEFENDER IN A VARIETY OF KEY ROLES, INCLUDING THE DIVISION
4 CHIEF AS WELL AS SPECIAL COUNSEL. BUT EARLIER THIS MONTH, LUIS
5 WAS SWORN IN, VERY PROUDLY, AS THE 89TH PRESIDENT OF THE STATE
6 BAR OF CALIFORNIA THEREBY MAKING HISTORY AS THE FIRST LATINO
7 AND THE FIRST PUBLIC DEFENDER TO SERVE IN THIS VERY
8 DISTINGUISHED LEADERSHIP POST. LUIS'S BACKGROUND IS REALLY
9 QUITE INTERESTING. WHILE HE WAS BORN HERE IN LOS ANGELES, HE
10 SPENT MOST OF HIS FORMATIVE EARLY YEARS IN MEXICO AND THEN
11 LATER RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES. BUT HE HAS NEVER
12 FORGOTTEN HIS HUMBLE BEGINNINGS, AND HE CHOSE TO DEDICATE HIS
13 LIFE WORK TO FIGHTING VIGOROUSLY FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE. WHILE
14 ATTENDING SANTA CLARA UNIVERSITY AND LAW SCHOOL, LUIS JOINED
15 EFFORTS TO EXPAND THE UNIVERSITY'S ETHNIC STUDIES CURRICULUM,
16 AND HE WAS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE LA RAZA LAW STUDENTS AND HE
17 CONSISTENTLY RECOGNIZED FOR OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS.
18 IN ADDITION TO HIS DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AS A PUBLIC DEFENDER,
19 LUIS SERVED AS THE PRESIDENT OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY MEXICAN
20 AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION, PRESIDENT OF THE CALIFORNIA LA RAZA
21 LAWYERS ASSOCIATION, PRESIDENT OF THE LATINO PUBLIC DEFENDERS
22 ASSOCIATION AND THE CHAIR OF THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA'S
23 COUNCIL ON ACCESS AND FAIRNESS. HE ALSO DEVOTES AN AWFUL LOT
24 OF TIME TO OTHER WORTHY ORGANIZATIONS AND NONPROFITS AND
25 ESPECIALLY EDUCATIONAL AND CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY ORGANIZATIONS.



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1 UNBELIEVABLE PUBLIC SERVICE THAT HE'S HAD THROUGHOUT THE
2 YEARS. WE'RE SO PROUD THAT HE IS ONE OF OUR COUNTY EMPLOYEES.
3 BUT THIS IS A FIRST FOR LUIS AND FOR OUR COMMUNITY. AND WE
4 WANT TO THANK HIM FOR THE KIND OF OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP THAT
5 HE HAS BEEN PROVIDING AND THE KIND OF ROLE MODELING THAT HE IS
6 DOING EVERY SINGLE DAY IN DEMONSTRATING THAT WHILE IT'S TOUGH,
7 IT CAN BE DONE. SO LIKE HIS FAMILY, I JOIN WITH THEM AND I
8 WANT TO SHARE WITH YOU HOW VERY PROUD WE ARE OF LUIS
9 RODRIGUEZ'S WORK AND MORE IMPORTANTLY THIS UNBELIEVABLE
10 LEADERSHIP ROLE THAT HE WILL BE UNDERTAKING. AND I UNDERSTAND,
11 WHAT? IT'S THE 89TH? EIGHTY-NINTH PRESIDENT OR CHAIR OF THIS
12 ROLE AND IT IS VERY, VERY DISTINGUISHED ROLE. CONGRATULATIONS,
13 LUIS. [APPLAUSE.] SHARE A FEW WORDS. WE'RE VERY PROUD.

14

15 **LUIS RODRIGUEZ:** THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING, EVERYBODY. I SEE A
16 FEW PEOPLE YAWNING, SO I WON'T KEEP YOU UP TOO LATE HERE.
17 SUPERVISOR MOLINA, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THIS GREAT
18 RECOGNITION AND FOR THE KIND WORDS. OUR FAMILY HAS BEEN A BIG
19 FAN OF YOURS FOR MANY, MANY YEARS. SO THIS IS A GREAT HONOR TO
20 RECEIVE THIS. AND THANK YOU AGAIN VERY MUCH. HONORABLE
21 CHAIRMAN, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY. AND
22 HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AS WELL AS THE
23 C.E.O., WITHOUT YOUR SUPPORT, I WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO TAKE ON
24 THIS ROLE AS PRESIDENT STATE BAR. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ON
25 BEHALF OF REALLY THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR YOUR SUPPORT.



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1 AGAIN, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. YES, A BIG APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE.]
2 FOR MY BOSS, RONALD L. BROWN, THE PUBLIC DEFENDER OF LOS
3 ANGELES COUNTY, BOSS, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. IT'S QUITE A TASK
4 TO BE ABLE TO TAKE ON THIS RESPONSIBILITY AS STATE BAR
5 PRESIDENT. BUT WITHOUT THE SUPPORT OF MR. BROWN, THIS WOULD BE
6 ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE. SO THANK YOU, MR. BROWN. [APPLAUSE.] AND
7 THEN OF COURSE MORE IMPORTANTLY, TO MY FAMILY, TO MY MOM, WHO
8 HAS GIVEN US MUCH LOVE AND OF COURSE THAT FLYING CHANCLA IN
9 THE EARLY PRODUCTIVE YEARS THAT KEPT US IN PLACE AS SUPERVISOR
10 MOLINA, I'M SURE KNOWS, RIGHT? [LAUGHTER.] BUT FOR HER LOVE
11 AND SUPPORT, THIS WOULD BE A VERY DIFFICULT ROAD THAT WE WOULD
12 HAVE TAKEN. SO, MOM, MUCHAS GRACIAS, GRACIAS POR TU AMOR. AND
13 OF COURSE TO MY BROTHER AND MY BEST FRIEND AND PARTNER MY WIFE
14 YOLANDA AND MY GIRLS WHO ARE NOT HERE BUT THEY ARE IN SCHOOL.
15 WITHOUT THEIR PATIENCE, WITHOUT THEIR LOVE AND WITHOUT THEIR
16 TEACHING ME THAT I'M RIGHT 10 PERCENT OF THE TIME, I'M KEPT
17 HONEST, SO NO NEED TO WORRY ABOUT KEEPING ME IN CHECK. BUT
18 AGAIN, THANK YOU, EVERYBODY, VERY MUCH, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO
19 THIS OPPORTUNITY. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MOLINA,
22 FOR THAT SPECIAL PRESENTATION. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, WE WILL
23 NOW TURN TO THE AGENDA, THE BALANCE OF THE AGENDA. MADAM
24 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE.

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAIN:** MR. CHAIRMAN, FIRST OF ALL, ON ITEMS
2 NUMBER 11 AND 12, I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE CLEAR
3 ABOUT THOSE TWO ITEMS. WE'RE ACTUALLY HOLDING THOSE ITEMS FOR
4 LATER IN THE MEETING.

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT.

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8 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ONE IS BEING HELD BY A MEMBER OF
9 THE PUBLIC AND THE OTHER BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND A MEMBER
10 OF THE PUBLIC.

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THAT CORRECTION IS
13 ESTABLISHED WITHOUT OBJECTION. THANK YOU.

14

15 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** WE WILL NOW TURN TO ITEM NUMBER 1-
16 P, WHICH IS THE PUBLIC HEARING. AND IF I COULD SWEAR EVERYBODY
17 IN. SO ALL THOSE WHO PLAN TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE BOARD ON ITEM
18 1-P, PLEASE STAND AND RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND TO BE SWORN IN. IN
19 THE TESTIMONY YOU MAY GIVE BEFORE THIS BOARD, DO YOU SOLEMNLY
20 AFFIRM TO TELL THE TRUTH, THE WHOLE TRUTH AND NOTHING BUT THE
21 TRUTH SO HELP YOU GOD? THANK YOU. YOU MAY BE SEATED. THIS IS
22 THE HEARING ON PROPOSED WHITTIER MAIN OLD FIELD DEVELOPMENT
23 PROJECT INVOLVING LEASING 1,280 ACRES IN THE CITY OF WHITTIER
24 FOR OIL AND GAS EXPLORATION, DRILLING, PROCESSING AND
25 PRODUCTION BY MATRIX OIL CORPORATION ON OPEN SPACE THAT WAS



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1 ACQUIRED WITH FUNDS FROM COUNTY PROPOSITION "A" ENACTED BY
2 COUNTY VOTERS IN 1992. THERE IS A DEPARTMENT STATEMENT ON THIS
3 MATTER. CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED. AND THERE ARE A NUMBER OF
4 SPEAKERS ALSO PRESENT TODAY.

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. WE'LL HEAR
7 FROM THE DEPARTMENT AT THIS POINT. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I
8 WISH TO APPRISE YOU OF THE FACT THAT THERE ARE 111 PERSONS WHO
9 WISH TO BE HEARD ON THIS ITEM. AND ANYONE WHO WISHES TO PASS
10 AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME, JUST GIVE THE INDICATION. AND WE WILL
11 ACCOMMODATE YOU WITH RESPECT AND APPROPRIATE APPRECIATION.
12 WE'RE GOING TO PROCEED NOW TO THE STAFF REPORT AND TURN FROM
13 THAT TO THE PERSONS WHO REQUESTED TO BE HEARD. WE NOW AWAIT
14 THE STAFF REPORT. MA'AM?

15

16 **JANE BEASLEY:** GOOD MORNING, CHAIRMAN AND SUPERVISORS. MY NAME
17 IS JANE BEASLEY, ADMINISTRATOR OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL
18 PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT. BEFORE I GIVE MY REPORT, COUNTY
19 COUNSEL WOULD LIKE TO MAKE SOME PRELIMINARY COMMENTS.

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21 **LARRY HAFETZ:** GOOD MORNING, MR. CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. I
22 JUST WANTED TO MAKE A PRELIMINARY COMMENT OR A FEW COMMENTS TO
23 SORT OF SET THE STAGE FOR THE NATURE OF TODAY'S PROCEEDING. AS
24 YOU KNOW, I BELIEVE THAT THIS IS A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE
25 WHITTIER OIL FIELD DRILLING, THE OIL DRILLING PROJECT IN



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1 WHITTIER. I ALSO BELIEVE YOU'RE AWARE THAT THE SUPERIOR COURT
2 JUDGE HAS ENTERED FINAL JUDGMENT IN THIS MATTER ENJOINING THE
3 PROJECT BECAUSE WHITTIER FAILED TO GET CONSENT AND APPROVAL BY
4 YOUR BOARD ON THE MATTER. NOW, WE SET THIS MATTER AS A PUBLIC
5 HEARING SOLELY FOR THE REASON OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND
6 PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT. WE WANTED TO MAXIMIZE THE PUBLIC'S ABILITY
7 TO GET HERE, TO GIVE THEIR COMMENTS AND GIVE THEIR STATEMENTS,
8 GIVE THEM ENOUGH LEAD TIME. THIS IS NOT A MATTER -- AND IT
9 NEEDS TO BE UNDERSCORED -- THIS IS NOT A MATTER THAT LAW
10 REQUIRES A PUBLIC HEARING. THIS IS A PUBLIC HEARING, LIKE I
11 SAID, TO MAXIMIZE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION. WE ALSO DID THE
12 NOTICING AND THE PUBLICATIONS IN THE NEWSPAPER LIKE WE WOULD
13 FOR ALL PUBLIC HEARINGS. THIS IS NOT A PUBLIC HEARING LIKE A
14 TYPICAL LAND USE MATTER. YOUR BOARD REVIEWS ON THE FOURTH
15 TUESDAY OF THE MONTH. THOSE PUBLIC HEARINGS ARE QUASI-
16 ADJUDICATIVE PUBLIC HEARINGS. THE REASON I FEEL THE NEED TO
17 SET THE STAGE ON THIS IS BECAUSE THERE HAS BEEN CORRESPONDENCE
18 IN THE PAST FEW DAYS SUGGESTING SOMEHOW THAT THE INTEGRITY OF
19 THIS PROCESS IS IN JEOPARDY BECAUSE THE BOARD HAS TAKEN
20 POSITIONS ON THIS CASE PRIOR TO TODAY'S HEARING. AND I WANT
21 YOUR BOARD TO BE AWARE THAT THOSE CASES ARE NOT APPLICABLE
22 HERE. THOSE APPLY WHEN THERE IS A QUASI- ADJUDICATIVE MATTER
23 WHERE YOUR BOARD IS EVALUATING TYPICALLY PUBLIC HEARINGS
24 REQUIRED BY LAW.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR
2 YAROSLAVSKY, IF YOU HAVE A QUESTION?

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YES. SO MR. HAFETZ, AFTER THE HEARING IS
5 CONCLUDED, WHAT IS BEFORE US?

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7 **LARRY HAFETZ:** WHAT WILL BE BEFORE YOU TODAY, YOU WILL TAKE THE
8 PUBLIC TESTIMONY. AND OBVIOUSLY ASK QUESTIONS, ET CETERA. AND
9 THEN WHAT WILL BE BEFORE YOU IS LIKE ANY OTHER ITEM THAT WOULD
10 BE ON YOUR BOARD AGENDA ON A NONPUBLIC HEARING MATTER. THERE'S
11 A SET OF STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS TO MAKE CERTAIN FINDINGS AND
12 ADOPT -- THERE WERE PROPOSED FINDINGS ATTACHED TO THE STAFF
13 REPORT. YOUR BOARD WILL ASK TO MAKE THOSE FINDINGS THAT ARE
14 RECOMMENDED IN THE STAFF REPORT.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND DO THOSE FINDINGS INCLUDE -- WHAT'S THE
17 PREDICATE OF THOSE FINDINGS?

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19 **LARRY HAFETZ:** THOSE FINDINGS ARE ESSENTIALLY SETTING -- THE
20 PREDICATE OF THOSE FINDINGS ARE WHAT STAFF -- HOW STAFF IS
21 VIEWING THIS PROJECT AND WHAT THEY BELIEVE YOUR BOARD SHOULD -
22 - HOW YOUR BOARD SHOULD TREAT IT IN TERMS OF REVIEWING FOR
23 PURPOSES OF CONSENT.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO WHAT IS YOUR RESPONSE TO ONE OF THE
2 LETTERS THAT WE GOT? I DON'T WANT TO GO FROM MEMORY. BUT THAT
3 BASICALLY CALL THIS A SHAM HEARING, THAT WE'VE INVENTED A
4 HEARING PROCESS THAT THEY HAVE NOT APPLIED FOR THE OIL
5 DRILLING TO US. WHAT'S THE RESPONSE TO THAT?

6

7 **LARRY HAFETZ:** THE RESPONSE I HAVE TO THAT IS SORT OF A
8 SEPARATE ISSUE FROM THE QUASI ADJUDICATIVE. WE KNOW THAT THE
9 COURT HAS ENTERED FINAL JUDGMENT TO ENJOIN THIS PROJECT
10 BECAUSE THE CITY AND MATRIX HAD NOT GOTTEN CONSENT FROM THE
11 OPEN SPACE DISTRICT. ALL ACTIONS TO DATE SHOW THAT THE CITY
12 AND MATRIX INTEND TO CARRY OUT THIS PROJECT. THEY HAVE A
13 C.U.P. THEY HAVE A LEASE. THEY ACTUALLY BEGAN PHASE ONE OF THE
14 PROJECT UNTIL THEY WERE ENJOINED. EVERYTHING THAT THEY'VE DONE
15 SHOWS THEY INTEND TO MOVE FORWARD AND UP UNTIL NOW WITHOUT
16 YOUR BOARD'S CONSENT. THEY ARE ALSO MAKING A STRONG -- THEY
17 ARE MAKING AN ARGUMENT THAT YOUR CONSENT RIGHTS END IN 2015 OR
18 RECENTLY THERE'S BEEN AN ARGUMENT AS RECENTLY AS NEXT WEEK. SO
19 UNDER THESE FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES, DESPITE THE FACT THAT
20 THEY'RE SAYING THEY'VE WITHDRAWN THEIR APPLICATION, THE FACTS
21 SHOW OTHERWISE. AND THIS PROCEEDING IS PROPERLY BEFORE YOUR
22 BOARD.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO IT'S BEFORE OUR BOARD AT THIS TIME IN
2 ORDER TO PROTECT OUR -- TO MAXIMIZE OUR DISCRETION, PROTECT
3 OUR RIGHTS.

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5 **LARRY HAFETZ:** THAT'S CORRECT.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND IF WE HAD GONE INTO NOVEMBER/DECEMBER,
8 WE COULD CONCEIVABLY HAVE LOST OUR OPPORTUNITY TO DO WHAT
9 WE'RE DOING TODAY?

10

11 **LARRY HAFETZ:** SUPERVISOR, WE FIRMLY DISAGREE WITH THE POSITION
12 THEY'RE TAKING, BUT, YES, EXACTLY, YOU ARE CORRECT. WE WOULD
13 LIKE TO MINIMIZE THE RISK THAT THAT ARGUMENT WILL BE ASSERTED
14 AND SOME COURT COULD FIND THAT YOUR BOARD LOST ITS CONSENT
15 RIGHTS BECAUSE OF SOME PROVISION IN THE PROJECT AGREEMENT.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. I'LL LEAVE MY QUESTIONS FOR LATER.
18 THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. HAVING HEARD FROM
21 COUNTY COUNSEL AND I THINK THE RECORD HAS BEEN CLARIFIED TO
22 THE EXTENT THAT IT IS WARRANTED, I NOW ASK FOR THE DEPARTMENT
23 TO PROCEED WITH ITS PRESENTATION. THANK YOU.

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1 **JANE BEASLEY:** THE MATTER BEFORE YOU TODAY INVOLVES A PROPOSED
2 CHANGE OF USE AND PARTIAL DISPOSITION OF LAND IN THE HILLS OF
3 THE CITY OF WHITTIER THAT WAS ACQUIRED WITH PROPOSITION "A"
4 FUNDS. IN 1992 THE VOTERS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
5 APPROVED LOS ANGELES COUNTY PROPOSITION "A" WHICH FORMED THE
6 DISTRICT, CREATED AN ASSESSMENT LEVY AND PRO PROVIDED 540
7 MILLION DOLLARS IN GRANT FUNDS FOR THE ACQUISITION
8 IMPROVEMENT, RESTORATION, OR REHABILITATION OF REAL PROPERTY
9 FOR REGIONAL RECREATIONAL FACILITIES, PARKS, WILDLIFE HABITAT
10 AND NATURAL LANDS. THE PURCHASE AND INTENT OF PROP "A" IS TO
11 BENEFIT PROPERTY AND TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN THE
12 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES BY PROVIDING FUNDS TO ACQUIRE, PRESERVE
13 AND PROTECT THE PARK, WILDLIFE RECREATION AND NATIONAL LANDS
14 IN THE COUNTY. IN 1993, WHITTIER ENTERED INTO A PROJECT
15 AGREEMENT WITH THE DISTRICT IN WHICH WHITTIER AGREED THAT IT
16 WOULD NOT ALLOW A CHANGE OF USE FOR ANY PROPERTIES ACQUIRED
17 WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF YOUR BOARD OR THE GOVERNING DISTRICT.
18 IN 1995 USING PROP "A" GRANTS OVER NINE MILLION DOLLARS
19 WHITTIER ACQUIRED 1,280 ACRES OF OPEN SPACE IN THE WHITTIER
20 HILLS AND THE UNDERLYING MINERAL RIGHTS. THE CURRENT USE OF
21 THE PROPERTY IS OPEN SPACE, WILDLIFE HABITAT AND PASSIVE
22 RECREATION. WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF YOUR BOARD, WHITTIER
23 LEASED THE LAND ACQUIRED WITH PROP "A" FUNDS TO MATRIX OIL
24 CORPORATION TO ALLOW OIL AND GAS EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION.
25 THE LEASE ALLOWS OIL AND GAS DRILLING AND PROCESSING ON THE



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1 ENTIRE 1,280 ACRES. WHITTIER HAS APPROVED THE CONDITIONAL USE
2 PERMIT THAT ALLOWS DRILLING UP TO 60 WELLS. IN THE PROJECT
3 AGREEMENT, WHITTIER PROMISED THAT IT WOULD, ONE, USE THE
4 PROPERTY ONLY FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE PROPOSITION AND WILL
5 MAKE NO OTHER USE, SALE OR OTHER DISPOSITION OF THE PROPERTY
6 EXCEPT AS AUTHORIZED BY SPECIFIC ACTION OF THE BOARD OF
7 SUPERVISORS AS A GOVERNING BODY OF THE DISTRICT. AND, TWO,
8 MAINTAIN THE PROPERTY ACQUIRED, DEVELOPED, REHABILITATED OR
9 RESTORED WITH THE FUNDS IN PERPETUITY. PURSUANT TO PROPOSITION
10 "A" AND THE PROJECT AGREEMENT, THE LEASE CONSTITUTES BOTH THE
11 CHANGE OF USE OF THE WHITTIER HILLS PROPERTY AND THE
12 DISPOSITION OF LESS THAN THE ENTIRE INTERESTS IN THE WHITTIER
13 HILLS PROPERTY ORIGINALLY ACQUIRED BY WHITTIER. AS DISCUSSED
14 IN THE BOARD LETTER AND PROPOSED FINDING DISTRICT STAFF
15 RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD FIND THAT WHITIERS'S LEASE OF THE
16 PROPERTY AND OIL DRILLING PROJECT ARE INCONSISTENT WITH THE
17 PURPOSE AND INTENT OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY PROPOSITION "A"
18 AND THE TERMS OF THE PROJECT AGREEMENT AND DENY THE PROPOSED
19 CHANGE OF USE AND PARTIAL DISPOSITION OF THE PROPERTY IN THE
20 WHITTIER HILLS ACQUIRED WITH PROPOSITION "A" FUNDING BY TAKING
21 ACTION TO DENY THE LEASE AND PROJECT, YOUR BOARD WILL ENSURE
22 THAT THE PURPOSE, INTENT AND REQUIREMENTS OF PROP "A" AND THE
23 PROJECT AGREEMENT ARE UPHELD. THE DISTRICT RETAINED EXPERT
24 CONSULTANTS, SAPPHOS ENVIRONMENTAL, TO PREPARE ANALYSIS OF THE
25 LEASE AND PROJECT FOR CONSISTENCY WITH THE INTENT AND



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1 REQUIREMENTS OF PROP "A" AND THE PROJECT AGREEMENT. A COPY OF
2 THE SAPPHOS ANALYSIS WAS ATTACHED TO THE BOARD LETTER AND
3 SERVES AS THE BASIS FOR THE DISTRICT STAFF'S RECOMMENDATIONS
4 AND THE PROPOSED FINDINGS AND ORDER. FOLLOWING MY REMARKS,
5 MARIE CAMPBELL, PRINCIPAL OF SAPPHOS ENVIRONMENTAL WILL GIVE A
6 POWERPOINT PRESENTATION ON THIS MATTER. WHITTIER PREPARED THE
7 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE PROJECT. NO E.I.R. WAS
8 PREPARED FOR THE LEASE. IN EVALUATING THE LEASE AND PROJECT
9 THE DISTRICT ACTS AS THE RESPONSIBLE AGENCY UNDER C.E.Q.A.
10 YOUR BOARD IS REQUIRED TO ACCEPT THE E.I.R. AS LEGALLY
11 ADEQUATE BUT HAS DISCRETION TO EVALUATE AND MITIGATE FOR THE
12 PROJECT'S SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS THAT WOULD
13 DIRECTLY RESULT FROM THE PROJECT IF YOUR BOARD DECIDES TO
14 APPROVE IT. THE E.I.R.'S CERTIFIED BY WHITTIER FOUND THE
15 PROJECT WOULD RESULT IN SIGNIFICANT AND UNAVOIDABLE IMPACTS TO
16 AIR QUALITY, AESTHETICS, HYDROLOGY, AND WATER QUALITY, LAND
17 USE AND RECREATION. WHITTIER PREPARED A STATEMENT OF
18 OVERRIDING CONSIDERATION PURSUANT TO C.E.Q.A. BASED ON THE
19 ECONOMIC BENEFITS OF THE PROJECT TO WHITTIER. SECTION 21080 B5
20 OF THE C.E.Q.A. STATUTE AND SECTION 15270 A OF THE STATE
21 C.E.Q.A. GUIDELINES PROVIDE THAT C.E.Q.A. DOES NOT PROVIDE TO
22 THAT A PUBLIC AGENCY REJECTS OR DISAPPROVES. THUS IF YOUR
23 BOARD TAKES THE RECOMMENDED ACTION TO DISAPPROVE AND REJECT
24 THE LEASE AND PROJECT, NO FURTHER C.E.Q.A. REVIEW WILL BE
25 REQUIRED BECAUSE C.E.Q.A. ONLY APPLIES TO PROJECTS THAT ARE



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1 APPROVED. IF YOUR BOARD DECIDES TO APPROVE THE LEASE AND
2 PROJECT, IT IS RECOMMEND THAT HAD THE MATTER BE REFERRED BACK
3 TO THE DISTRICT STAFF TO PREPARE THE APPROPRIATE C.E.Q.A.
4 DOCUMENTS AND ANALYSIS AND BRING BACK TO YOUR BOARD FOR FUTURE
5 CONSIDERATION. PUBLIC NOTICE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING WAS SENT TO
6 ALL PROPERTY OWNERS LIVING WITHIN 500 FEET OF THE WHITTIER
7 HILLS PROPERTY AND TO OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES AND AGENCIES
8 INCLUDING WHITTIER AND MATRIX. NOTICE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING
9 WAS PUBLISHED IN THE "LOS ANGELES TIMES," "WHITTIER DAILY
10 NEWS," AND "LA OPINION." THE PUBLIC NOTICE AND INFORMATION
11 ABOUT THIS MATTER INCLUDING LINKS TO THE RELEVANT DOCUMENTS
12 HAVE BEEN POSTED ON THE DISTRICT'S WEBSITE FOR SEVERAL WEEKS.
13 TO DATE YOUR BOARD'S EXECUTIVE OFFICE HAS RECEIVED 480
14 COMMUNICATIONS THAT SUPPORT THE RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION
15 REGARDING THE PROPOSED PROJECT AND 3 THAT ARE IN OPPOSITION.
16 THE DECISION ON THIS MATTER WILL ALSO SET A SEA PRECEDENT FOR
17 OTHER PROPERTIES ACQUIRED WITH PROPOSITION "A" FUNDS.
18 DISAPPROVING THE LEASE AND PROJECT UPHOLDS THE INTENT AND
19 PURPOSE OF PROP "A". THIS ACTION WILL REQUIRE THE WHITTIER
20 HILLS PROPERTY TO REMAIN AS OPEN SPACE. I NOW INVITE MARIE
21 CAMPBELL TO GIVE HER PRESENTATION.

22
23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. YOUR NAME,
24 YOUR RANK AND YOUR SERIAL NUMBER.



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1 **MARIE CAMPBELL:** GOOD MORNING, HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.
2 MY NAME IS MARIE CAMPBELL. I'M THE PRESIDENT OF SAPPHOS
3 ENVIRONMENTAL AND WE'RE LOCATED AT 430 NORTH HALSTED IN
4 PASADENA. I'M HONORED TO BE HERE THIS MORNING TO SHARE WITH
5 YOU OF THE 100 PAGES OF ANALYSIS THAT WAS PROVIDED FOR YOUR
6 CONSIDERATION TO SUPPORT YOUR DECISION-MAKING PROCESS WITH
7 RESPECT TO THE LEASE. OUR JOB IN THESE MATTERS IS TO SERVE AS
8 A NEUTRAL THIRD PARTY. SO AS AN ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANT, OUR
9 JOB IS TO SIMPLY COMPILE, TO REVIEW ALL THE DATA THAT IS
10 AVAILABLE IN THE RECORD AND BRING THAT DATA FORWARD FOR YOUR
11 CONSIDERATION. AND WE'VE DONE THAT IN THIS MATTER. THERE IS A
12 NUANCE TO THE MATTER UNDER CONSIDERATION, AND THAT IS THE
13 LEASE IS MUCH MORE EXPANSIVE IN ITS CONSIDERATION THAN THE
14 E.I.R. WHICH SIMPLY CONSIDERS A SINGLE PROJECT THAT COULD BE
15 COMPLETED UNDER THE LEASE. I'M GOING TO QUICKLY REVIEW SOME OF
16 THE INFORMATION THAT MS. BEASLEY PROVIDED. THIS IS A RESULT OF
17 THE VOTER APPROVAL OF PROPOSITION "A" IN 1992. AND ONE OF THE
18 KEY FACTORS AMONG THIS IS NOT ONLY DID IT MAKE A SUBSTANTIAL
19 AMOUNT OF FUNDING AVAILABLE THROUGH AN ASSESSMENT ON
20 INDIVIDUAL RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES, IT REQUIRED THAT EVERY
21 GRANTEE RECIPIENT HAVE A PROJECT AGREEMENT WITH THE DISTRICT.
22 THE RESULTS, THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE PROPOSITION THAT WAS
23 ADVOCATED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RESULTED IN THE
24 ACQUISITION OF 809 PARCELS BETWEEN 1992 AND 2013, NEARLY
25 21,000 ACRES OF OPEN SPACE. WHY DID THE VOTERS AGREE TO THIS



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1 ASSESSMENT? IN THE DISTRICT ENGINEERS' REPORT TO THE VOTERS,
2 HE DESCRIBES THE BENEFITS OF THE ASSESSMENT AS BEING INCREASED
3 ATTRACTIVENESS AS A RESULT OF PRESERVATION OF MOUNTAINS,
4 FOOTHILLS, CANYONS AND PROVISION OF PUBLIC ACCESS TO THESE
5 LANDS. AND ALL OF US WHO LIVE IN LOS ANGELES UNDERSTAND THE
6 IMPORTANT ROLE OF THESE PUBLIC OPEN SPACE LANDS TO THE QUALITY
7 OF LIFE THAT WE EXPERIENCE HERE IN THE COUNTY. IMPROVED
8 ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY BY PROTECTING IRREPLACEABLE OPEN SPACE
9 LANDS AND IMPROVED PUBLIC ACCESS TO THOSE LANDS AS WELL AS
10 IMPROVED RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH IMPROVEMENTS SUCH
11 AS PARK TRAILS AND OTHER PUBLIC RECREATIONAL FACILITIES. THIS
12 MAP SHOWS THE LAND ACQUISITION THAT HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED BY
13 THE DISTRICT THROUGH PROPOSITION "A" IN ITS APPROVAL IN 1992
14 AND 1996. SO, WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS OF A PROJECT
15 AGREEMENT? THE PROJECT AGREEMENT REQUIRES ALL GRANTEES TO
16 CERTIFY THAT THE LANDS WILL BE MANAGED CONSISTENT WITH
17 PROPOSITION "A" FUNDING, THAT THERE WILL BE A COMMITMENT TO
18 OBTAIN DISTRICT APPROVAL OF ALL LAND CHANGES INCLUDING
19 DISPOSITIONAL LAND AND AGREEMENT TO OBTAIN DISTRICT APPROVAL
20 OF ALL LEASES. IT DOES NOT ALLOW FOR THE LAND TO BE USED FOR
21 PRIVATE PURPOSES WITHOUT THOSE FUNDS BEING REDIRECTED TO
22 PROPOSITION "A" PURPOSES. AND REQUIRES PERFORMANCE WITH THE
23 GUIDELINES. IT CONSISTS OF TWO PARCELS, THE CHEVRON TRACK
24 WHICH IS SHOWN IN PINK HERE, 600 ACRES OF WHICH HAVE A DEED
25 RESTRICTION THAT REQUIRE IT BE MANAGED IN PERPETUITY AS OPEN



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1 SPACE. AND THE UNOCAL PROPERTY WHICH IS ALSO UNDER
2 CONSIDERATION IN THE LEASE BUT NOT EVALUATED IN THE E.I.R.
3 PROJECT ALSO HAS A DEED RESTRICTION ASSOCIATED WHICH REQUIRES
4 IT TO BE MANAGED IN PERPETUITY FOR OPEN SPACE PURPOSES. THERE
5 ARE 1,280 ACRES COVERED UNDER THE WHITTIER HILLS PROPERTY, AND
6 THESE LANDS ALL WOULD BE SUBJECT TO DRILLING OPERATION
7 ACTIVITIES. THE LEASE WOULD ALLOW FOR PIPELINES, UTILITIES,
8 TANKS, MACHINERY, APPLIANCES, BUILDINGS AND OTHER STRUCTURES
9 TO BE CONSTRUCTED THROUGHOUT THE 1,280 ACRES. CLEARLY THESE
10 TYPES OF FACILITIES ARE NOT CONSISTENT WITH OPEN SPACE
11 CONSERVATION AND RECREATION MANAGEMENT. IT ALLOWS FOR THE
12 PROPERTY TO BE FULLY DRILLED SUBJECT ONLY TO C.U.P. APPROVAL
13 BY THE CITY OF WHITTIER AND ALLOWS THE APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL
14 WELL SITES WELL BEYOND WHAT ARE CONTEMPLATED IN THE E.I.R. IT
15 ALLOWS THE CITY OF WHITTIER TO EXTEND THE LEASE BEYOND 25
16 YEARS. AND IN MAY 2012 THE CITY OF WHITTIER ACTED TO AMEND THE
17 LEASE TO REVIEW ALL SUBSEQUENT REQUIREMENTS FOR DISTRICT
18 APPROVAL. EVEN IN THE CITY'S OWN CONSIDERATION OF THE E.I.R.,
19 THEY FOUND THAT THE THERE WERE SIGNIFICANT AND UNAVOIDABLE
20 IMPACTS IN FIVE RESOURCE AREAS: AIR QUALITY, ESTHETICS,
21 HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY, LAND USE AND PLANNING AND
22 RECREATION. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF RESOURCES, I THINK YOU CAN
23 SEE IS 130-FOOT DRILLING RIGS WHICH ARE SHOWN IN THE EI.R.
24 PICTURE THAT WOULD BE VISIBLE AS CONTEMPLATED IN THE E.I.R.
25 PROJECT FROM 21 PERCENT OF THE PROPERTY. BUT IF THEY WERE



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1 DISPERSED EVENLY THROUGH SUBSEQUENT APPROVALS, THERE COULD BE
2 VISIBILITY IN UP TO 98 PERCENT OF THE PROPERTY. IT'S
3 INCONSISTENT FROM A LAND USE AND PLANNING STANDPOINT FOR THE
4 PURPOSES OF THIS DISTRICT BOARD WITH THE PURPOSE OF
5 PROPOSITION "A". IT VIOLATES THE UNOCAL AND CHEVRON DEED
6 RESTRICTIONS. IT CONFLICTS WITH THE PROPOSED DESIGNATION OF
7 THE PROPERTY AS A NEW UNIT OF THE SAN GABRIEL UNIT OF THE
8 SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS NATIONAL RECREATION AREA AND IT RESULTS
9 IN SIGNIFICANT AND UNAVOIDABLE IMPACTS TO RECREATION BASED
10 UPON VIEWS OF PROJECT-RELATED EQUIPMENT. EVEN IN THE MORE
11 RESTRICTIVE EVALUATION THAT WAS CONTEMPLATED IN THE E.I.R.,
12 YOU CAN SEE THE YELLOW IN THIS AREA, THE LARGE PORTION OF THE
13 CHEVRON TRACK THESE FACILITIES WOULD BE VISIBLE. IT IS IN
14 DIRECT OPPOSITION TO THE RECREATION PURPOSE OF THE EXPERIENCE
15 OF THIS PROPERTY AS AN OPEN SPACE RESOURCE FROM THE THREE
16 PRIMARY TRAILS, THE ARROYO PESCADERO TRAIL, THE SCHABARUM
17 TRAIL, AND THE ARROYO SAN MIGUEL TRAIL WHICH MAY BE CLOSED AS
18 MUCH AS EIGHT YEARS. THERE'S A 251-ACRE IMPACT AREA. IT'S
19 INCONSISTENT WITH THE PROPOSED DESIGNATION THAT SHOWS THE AREA
20 IN PINK WITH RESPECT TO THE DESIGNATED AREA. MOST IMPORTANTLY
21 IT SETS A DANGEROUS PRECEDENT IN TERMS OF COMPROMISING PUBLIC
22 TRUST. THE OIL FIELDS ARE IN OR ADJACENT TO 10 PERCENT OF THE
23 LANDS THAT ARE ACQUIRED WITH PUBLIC PROPOSITION "A" FUNDS. OIL
24 FIELD EXPLORATION DEVELOPMENT RESULTS IN SIGNIFICANT AND
25 UNAVOIDABLE IMPACTS TO ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES. THE OIL FIELD



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1 EXPLORATION DEVELOPMENT IS INCOMPATIBLE WITH WILDLIFE
2 RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE LAND USES THAT ARE CORE VALUES OF
3 PROPOSITION "A". THIS SHOWS THE EXISTING OIL FIELD KNOWN OIL
4 FIELDS IN RELATION TO THE LANDS THAT HAVE BEEN ACQUIRED WITH
5 PROPOSITION "A" FUNDS. AND YOU CAN SEE THAT 10 PERCENT OF THE
6 PROPOSITION "A" LANDS ARE IN DIRECT PROXIMITY TO OIL FIELD
7 AREAS. SO IN SUMMATION, THE DENIAL OF THE LEASE AND PROJECTS
8 MAINTAINS OVER 1,280 ACRES ACQUIRED WITH PROPOSITION "A" FUNDS
9 AS OPEN SPACE, WILDLIFE HABITAT AND RECREATION. IT'S
10 CONSISTENT WITH THE INTENDED PURPOSE OF PROPOSITION "A". IS
11 CONSISTENT WITH THE UNDERLYING DEED RESTRICTIONS. IT AVOIDS
12 SIGNIFICANT UNAVOIDABLE IMPACTS, DENIAL OF THE LEASE OF
13 PROJECTS PROVIDES CONTINUED PROTECTION OF DESIGNATED CRITICAL
14 HABITAT. IT PRESERVES ELIGIBILITY FOR LISTING AS PART OF THE
15 SAN GABRIEL AND SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS NATIONAL RECREATION
16 AREA AND IT'S CONSISTENT WITH BENEFITS AND POLICIES IN
17 PROPOSITION "A". I'M AVAILABLE TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOUR
18 BOARD MAY HAVE.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR
21 PRESENTATION. LET ME ACKNOWLEDGE THAT YOU DID WELL AND IN
22 RECORD TIME. [LAUGHTER.] SO WE TAKE NOTE OF THAT. LADIES AND
23 GENTLEMEN, YOU HAVE MADE A REQUEST TO BE HEARD. AND NOW IS
24 THAT TIME. SO WE WILL PROCEED ACCORDINGLY. COME FORWARD AS I
25 CALL YOUR NAME. MARTHA ESCUTIA, FREDERICK SYKES, DEBRA MARTIN,



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1 COUNCILMEMBER KARINA MACIAS, ANDY SHRADER, NICK DONOVAN, IN
2 THAT ORDER, PLEASE. MIGHT I REMIND YOU THAT WE HAVE 111
3 PERSONS WHO HAVE REQUESTED AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD. AND IF
4 EACH OF YOU WOULD BE AFFORDED ONE MINUTE, WE WOULD BE INTO AT
5 LEAST A COUPLE OF HOURS, SO WE WILL GOVERN OURSELVES
6 ACCORDINGLY. WE THANK YOU. WE APPRECIATE YOUR PRESENCE. WE
7 NOTE HONORABLE MARTHA ESCUTIA.

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9 **MARTHA ESCUTIA:** YOU THANK YOU BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
10 MARTHA ESCUTIA, I COME TO YOU HERE IN MY PERSONAL CAPACITY AS
11 A 17-YEAR RESIDENT OF WHITTIER. I ALSO COME TO YOU HERE AS A
12 FORMER SENATOR OF THAT AREA. I REPRESENTED WHITTIER AND THE
13 SOUTHEAST COMMUNITIES WITH MONTEBELLO, COMMERCE, BELL GARDENS,
14 SOUTH GATE, NORWALK, LA MIRADA. I WILL TELL YOU THAT WHEN I
15 WAS A SENATOR, EVERY APRIL I WOULD TAKE UP A GROUP OF
16 CONSTITUENTS UP TO THE HILLS TO EXPOSE THEM TO THAT. WE WOULD
17 DO A LITTLE HIKE. AND THE KIDS AND THE FAMILIES LOVED IT.
18 THEY, FRANKLY, WERE NOT AWARE THAT THEY HAD THAT KIND OF OPEN
19 SPACE FAIRLY NEARBY TO PICO RIVERA, FAIRLY NEARBY TO NORWALK.
20 OBVIOUSLY IT'S THE ONLY OPEN SPACE THAT WE HAVE NEAR LOW
21 INCOME COMMUNITIES AS WELL AS MINORITY COMMUNITIES. OUR CITY
22 COUNCIL, UNFORTUNATELY, DECIDED TO VOTE TO DRILL THE OIL HILLS
23 IN CONTRADICTION TO PROPOSITION "A" AS WELL AS IN TOTAL
24 DISREGARD TO THE DESIRES OF THE COMMUNITY. I HAVE TO ADMIT
25 THAT I WAS A BIT NOT FOCUSED ON THAT ISSUE AT THAT TIME I WAS



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1 GOING THROUGH A HEAVY LITIGATION SCHEDULE WITH MY LAW FIRM.
2 AND WITH A RECENT JOB IT WAS A CRAZY TIME FOR ME, SO I DID NOT
3 FOCUS ON THE ISSUE OF THE HILLS. AND I APOLOGIZE TO THE
4 CONSTITUENTS OUT THERE FOR ME HAVING BEEN SOMEWHAT, YOU KNOW,
5 ASLEEP. BUT LET ME TELL YOU, I'M AWAKE NOW. AND WHAT REALLY
6 WOKE ME UP WAS THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT -- [APPLAUSE.]

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8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, IT'S
9 NECESSARY TO ESTABLISH THE RULES OF THE BOARD, WHICH IS
10 ESSENTIALLY TO INVITE YOU TO RAISE THE ROOF. APPLAUSE IS NOT -
11 - SO IF YOU WISH TO RAISE THE ROOF, THAT WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE.
12 PLEASE PROCEED WITH YOUR CONCLUSION, SENATOR.

13

14 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. WHAT WOKE ME UP WAS
15 OBVIOUSLY A PROPOSED SETTLEMENT WITH AN ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP
16 THAT BASICALLY SAID THAT IF THEY DRILLED THE HILLS, IT WOULD
17 RESULT IN 11.2 MILLION FOR THE LIFE OF THE PROJECT, ABOUT 280
18 MILLION. AND WHAT REALLY WOKE ME UP WAS THE COMMENT BY ONE OF
19 THE DIRECTORS OF ONE OF THOSE GROUPS IN WHICH HE SAID, AND I
20 QUOTE THE L.A. TIMES, IN WHICH THIS GENTLEMAN SAID THAT "THE
21 OIL MONEY WILL HELP KEEP THE TOILETS CLEANED AND THE PARKS
22 SUPERVISED FOR VISITORS." YOU KNOW, SO, BASICALLY THE
23 MOUNTAINS RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY GETS TO BOOST
24 THEIR MAINTENANCE BUDGET BY DRILLING OUR HILLS. AND DRILLING
25 OUR HILLS IS AN INJURY. BUT TO SETTLE WITH ENVIRONMENTAL



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1 GROUPS ON THOSE TERMS AS I JUST DESCRIBED, THAT'S AN INSULT.
2 SO IN CONCLUSION, MR. CHAIRMAN, I RESPECTFULLY URGE YOU TO
3 OPPOSE THE WHITTIER HILLS DRILLING PROJECT AND TO SUPPORT THE
4 INTENT OF PROPOSITION "A". YOUR DECISION WILL SET PRECEDENT
5 THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. THERE ARE OTHER HILLS IN THE COUNTY
6 BESIDES WHITTIER HILLS. THERE'S BALDWIN HILLS, MONTEBELLO
7 HILLS. THEY'RE GOING TO BE NEXT. WHAT YOU DO TODAY WILL SET
8 THE TONE FOR WHAT WILL HAPPEN IN THE FUTURE. THANK YOU.

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10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. WE
11 WILL PROCEED TO THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. [APPLAUSE.]

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13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. FREDERICK SYKES.

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15 **FREDERICK SYKES:** GOOD MORNING.

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17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SURE.

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19 **SPEAKER:** MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE SUPERVISORS, BOARD OF
20 SUPERVISORS, STAFF AND MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE. I AM FREDERICK
21 SYKES, COUNCILMEMBER OF WEST COVINA. SO FIRST OF ALL I WANT TO
22 SAY THANK YOU FOR HAVING THIS PUBLIC FORUM ON THE WHITTIER
23 HILLS OIL PROJECT. AS A COUNCILMEMBER, I HAVE A DUTY TO
24 110,000 RESIDENTS THAT LIVE IN WEST COVINA. AND IT'S GOING TO



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1 BE DIFFICULT FOR ME TO CUT DOWN MY SPEECH BECAUSE YOU KNOW YOU
2 DON'T GET ELECTED WITHOUT BEING LOQUACIOUS. [LAUGHTER.]

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE WILL HELP YOU, I ASSURE YOU.
5 [LAUGHTER.]

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7 **FREDERICK SYKES:** I UNDERSTAND, YES, SIR.

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9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, MR. COUNCILMEMBER.

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11 **FREDERICK SYKES:** SO I'LL JUST GET TO THE SPECIFICS OF HOW THIS
12 PERTAINS TO ME PERSONALLY. I HAVE BEEN INCORPORATING SOME NEW
13 WORDS IN MY VOCABULARY SUCH AS DISCARDED ASSETS. NOW, WE KNOW
14 THAT WE'RE HERE BECAUSE WE'RE ADDICTED TO OIL. AND SO IN ORDER
15 TO WHEN OURSELVES FROM THAT ADDICTION, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO
16 LIVE A DIFFERENT LIFESTYLE. AND FOR ME IT STARTS WITH THINKING
17 OF THE WAY WE'VE DONE AWAY WITH ASBESTOS AND LEAD IN OUR
18 GASOLINE TO PROTECT OUR ENGINES. WE'VE LEARNED TO DEAL WITHOUT
19 THOSE ITEMS. SO THAT'S WHAT I MEAN BY DISCARDED ASSETS. AND
20 I'M LEARNING TO INCORPORATE GREEN ENERGY AND RENEWABLES INTO
21 MY LIFE. FURTHERMORE FROM 1978 TO 2004, I COMMUTED TO WORK AT
22 MY VARIOUS ASSIGNMENTS, I WAS DEPUTY SHERIFF FOR 33 YEARS. AND
23 I SOUGHT TO STAY HEALTHY. SO THAT'S WHY I WANTED TO RIDE MY
24 BICYCLE. AND IT BENEFITED ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO RIDE IN PLACES
25 THAT WAS USED FOR OUR WATERWAYS, SUCH AS THE RIVER BEDS, THE



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1 RIO HONDO OF THE SAN GABRIEL RIVER BED AND THOSE AREAS YOU GET
2 TO SEE LIFE THAT YOU DON'T NORMALLY SEE IN AN URBAN
3 ENVIRONMENT. AND ALSO I COMMUTED TO FROM WEST COVINA TO
4 NORWALK WHERE I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO USE COLIMA ROAD AND
5 THAT PUT ME IN THE MIDDLE OF THE WHITTIER HILLS. AND THAT IS A
6 FANTASTIC OPPORTUNITY TO EITHER HIKE OR WALK OR IN MY CASE I
7 RODE MY BIKE. AND IT REALLY BOTHERS ME THAT THAT AREA, TO
8 THINK OF THAT AREA BEING TURNED INTO SOME SORT OF INDUSTRIAL
9 WASTE. SO, FOLKS, PLEASE, SAY NO TO THIS. AND FOR THOSE FOLKS
10 WHO ARE PREPARING TO VOTE, WE HAVE A LOCAL ELECTION THAT IS
11 COMING UP NOVEMBER THE FIFTH. AND WHAT WE'RE SPEAKING ABOUT
12 TODAY IS CONNECTED TO THAT. YOUR TYPE OF REPRESENTATION. YOUR
13 QUALITY OF LIFE. AND THE VALUE OF YOUR PROPERTIES IS DIRECTLY
14 CONNECTED TO YOUR VOTE.

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16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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18 **FREDRICK SYKES:** THANK YOU.

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20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** INDEED. [APPLAUSE.]

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22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. COUNCILWOMAN DEBRA
23 MARTIN?

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1 **DEBRA MARTIN:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS DEBRA MARTIN, AND I'M A
2 COUNCILMEMBER FROM THE CITY OF POMONA AND I'M ALSO A
3 DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBER. THANK YOU FOR THE
4 OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THIS THIS MORNING. WHEN PROPOSITION A
5 WAS PLACED ON THE BALLOT FOR ALL LOS ANGELES COUNTY VOTERS TO
6 SUPPORT, WE WERE ALL CONCERNED ABOUT THE POOR CONDITION OF OUR
7 PARKS ACROSS THE COUNTY. L.A. COUNTY VOTERS SAID YES TO
8 IMPROVING OUR PARKS AND PROTECTING PUBLIC LAND TO CREATE MORE
9 GREEN SPACE AND PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR AT-RISK YOUTH.
10 SINCE THEN, CITIES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY SUCH AS POMONA HAVE
11 BENEFITED FROM PARK RENOVATIONS AND MORE PARKS AND GREEN
12 SPACES IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS. RIGHT NOW, WE HAVE OVER 27 PARKS
13 IN OUR COMMUNITY. AND I WANT TO THANK ALL OF YOU FOR HELPING
14 US GET TO THAT POINT. THE INTENT OF THE MEASURE WAS TO
15 GENERATE FUNDING TO IMPROVE OUR PARKS AND PROTECT PUBLIC LAND
16 THROUGHOUT L.A. COUNTY, BENEFITING THE COUNTY'S 88 CITIES AND
17 OTHER AREAS. WE TRUSTED THAT OUR VOTE WOULD FOREVER PROTECT
18 THE INTENT OF PROPOSITION "A". I URGE YOU TO REMEMBER WHY THE
19 VOTERS APPROVED PROPOSITION "A" AND ASK THAT YOU PLEASE OPPOSE
20 DRILLING ON OPEN SPACE PURCHASED WITH TAXPAYER DOLLARS. THANK
21 YOU SO MUCH.

22
23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
24 WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. THAT WOULD BE
25 COUNCILMEMBER COUNCILMEMBER KARINA MACIAS?



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2 **KARINA MACIAS:** GOOD MORNING. THANK YOU, CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS
3 OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND THE PUBLIC. I WANT TO THANK
4 YOU FOR LETTING ME ADDRESS YOU THIS MORNING. MY NAME IS CORINA
5 MACIAS, I AM A MEMBER OF THE CITY COUNCIL IN THE CITY OF
6 HUNTINGTON PARK AND I'M HERE TO REPRESENT THE SOUTHEAST AREA.
7 AND I SHARE THE SAME CONCERN OF USING PROP "A" FUNDS FOR THE
8 PURCHASE OF LAND FOR OIL DRILLING IN THE WHITTIER HILLS. THERE
9 IS THE QUOTE BY THEODORE ROOSEVELT THAT SAYS "CONSERVATION
10 MEANS DEVELOPMENT AS MUCH AS IT DOES PROTECTION. I RECOGNIZE
11 THE RIGHT AND DUTY OF THIS GENERATION TO DEVELOP AND USE THE
12 NATURAL RESOURCES OF OUR LANDS, BUT I DO NOT RECOGNIZE THE
13 RIGHT TO WASTE THEM OR ROB BY WASTEFUL USE THE GENERATIONS
14 THAT COME AFTER US." HERE AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF A CITY THAT
15 USES PUBLIC FUNDS, I UNDERSTAND THE NEED TO LOOK INTO
16 DIFFERENT RESOURCES OF REVENUES FOR CONTINUED PROSPERITY OF
17 THE COMMUNITY; HOWEVER, CHANGING THE LAND OF COMMUNAL LANDS
18 NOT ONLY REVERTS THE DEMOCRATIC DECISION OF MANY THAT VOTED
19 FOR PROP "A" IN 1992 BUT SETS A DANGEROUS PRECEDENT FOR OTHER
20 COMMUNAL LANDS IN OUR COUNTY. IN CONCLUSION, I WANT TO ADD MY
21 VOICE TO THOSE OF MANY THAT YOU WILL BE HEARING TODAY THAT
22 OPPOSE A DECISION TAKEN TO DRILL ON THIS LAND AND I
23 RESPECTFULLY URGE YOU TO OPPOSE THIS AND CONSIDER THE ACTIONS
24 AND LOOK AT THE OVERALL CONSEQUENCES FOR OUR WHOLE COMMUNITY
25 AND THE QUALITY OF LIFE, WATER AND AIR. THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
3 [APPLAUSE.] WE'LL NOW HEAR FROM ANDY SHRADER FOLLOWED BY NICK
4 DONOVAN. MR. SHRADER?

5

6 **ANDY SHRADER:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS, I'M ANDY SHRADER,
7 DEPUTY OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND SUSTAINABILITY FOR LOS
8 ANGELES CITY COUNCILMEMBER PAUL KORETZ WHO REPRESENTS 250,000
9 PEOPLE HERE IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. COUNCILMEMBER REGRETS
10 HE CANNOT BE HERE TO SPEAK, BUT PRESIDENT WESSON NEEDED HIM IN
11 COUNCIL TODAY FOR A QUORUM. I APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO
12 SPEAK ON HIS BEHALF. COUNCILMEMBER KORETZ STRONGLY OPPOSES THE
13 WHITTIER MATRIX OIL DRILLING PROJECT. HE URGES THE BOARD TO
14 ADOPT THE FINDINGS, OPPOSE THE PROJECT AND INSIST THAT NO
15 ROYALTIES CAN BE USED FOR WHITTIER GENERAL FUND PURPOSES. AT
16 WORST, WHITTIER'S ACTION THREATENS THE FUTURE OF ALL PROP "A"
17 OPEN SPACE THROUGH OCCUPANT THE COUNTY. AT BEST, WHITTIER'S
18 ACTIONS UNDERMINES THE PUBLIC TRUST OF ALL THE TAXPAYERS IN
19 L.A. COUNTY, INCLUDING THOSE HERE IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
20 WHO VOTED IN GOOD FAITH BACK IN 1992 TO APPROVE PROPOSITION
21 "A". THEY VOTED TO PAY FOR OPEN SPACE, HABITAT RESTORATION AND
22 PARKS. COUNCILMEMBER WANTED ME TO BE VERY CLEAR ON THIS POINT.
23 AN OIL FIELD PROVIDES NONE OF THOSE. PLEASE STOP THIS PROJECT.
24 PROTECT OUR TAXPAYERS. PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT. AND RESTORE
25 PUBLIC FAITH IN OUR DEMOCRATIC PROCESS. THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

3 [APPLAUSE.] MA'AM, WE SUGGESTED THAT WE JUST RAISE THE ROOF.

4 THERE WAS ONLY ONE PERSON APPLAUDING. SO WE SHOULD APPLAUD

5 HER. ALL RIGHT. PROCEED. [LAUGHTER.] THANK YOU. SIR?

6

7 **NICK DONOVAN:** GOOD MORNING, COUNTY SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS

8 NICK DONOVAN, I'M ONE OF THE ORIGINAL WHITTIER HILLS OIL WATCH

9 MEMBERS THAT HAVE BROUGHT TODAY TO TODAY. AND WE GREATLY THANK

10 YOU FOR GIVING US OUR DAY IN FRONT OF YOU WITH NOT JUST THE

11 RESIDENTS OF WHITTIER BUT THE RESIDENTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

12 WHEN YOU PASSED PROP "A" IN 1992, OBVIOUSLY IT WAS WITH THE

13 INTENTION TO PROTECT OPEN LAND AND PUBLIC SPACE FOR ALL OF THE

14 COUNTY, NOT JUST WHITTIER. SO TODAY'S EVENT IS BEYOND OUR

15 WILDEST DREAMS, AND WE TRULY, TRULY THANK YOU, ALL OF YOU. AND

16 WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT TODAY FOR US IS ACTUALLY FOR YOU TO STEP

17 UP AND WHAT PROFESSOR _____ AT NEW YORK UNIVERSITY STATES

18 IS TO "PROFESS YOUR MORAL COURAGE." TODAY IS ABOUT MORAL

19 COURAGE AND FOR YOU TO APPLY NOT YOUR INDULGENCE BUT YOUR

20 INTELLECT TO THIS ISSUE. INTELLECT IS THE ABILITY TO LEARN AND

21 REASON, THE CAPACITY FOR KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING, THE

22 ABILITY TO THINK ABSTRACTLY OR PROFOUNDLY. THIS IS WAY BEYOND

23 TODAY. THIS IS ABOUT TOMORROW AND FOR GENERATIONS TO COME.

24 THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE WILL HAVE TO THANK YOU FOR THE HEALTH AND

25 SAFETY. AND TODAY I THANK YOU FOR THEM. THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR
3 TESTIMONY. MAY I NOW CALL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS, ARTURO
4 JIMENEZ, NIDIA URSICK, JOHN MORETTA, JOSE CALDERON, CLAIRIE
5 ROBINSON, DANIEL DURON, EDDIE GONZALEZ, ROY MCKIE, MARK
6 STANLEY, IN THAT ORDER, PLEASE, IF YOU WOULD COME FORWARD.
7 MIGHT I INVITE YOU TO PAY AS CLOSE ATTENTION TO THE TIME THAT
8 IS ALLOTTED IN DEFERENCE TO THE PERSONS WHO WISH TO BE HEARD
9 IN ADDITION TO YOURSELF. WE BEGIN WITH ARTURO JIMENEZ. SIR?

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11 **ARTURO JIMINEZ:** GOOD MORNING. GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY
12 NAME IS ARTURO JIMINEZ, I'M A MEMBER OF POMONA HABLA. IT'S AN
13 ORGANIZATION THAT WAS PUT TOGETHER TO FIGHT ISSUES OF
14 INJUSTICE IN OUR COMMUNITY AND TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE
15 OF OUR COMMUNITY. BUT I'M ALSO SPEAKING AS A FATHER OF FOUR. A
16 12-YEAR-OLD, A 10-YEAR-OLD, AN 8-YEAR-OLD AND A 7-YEAR-OLD WHO
17 BOY, GIRL, BOY, GIRL, WHO CARE VERY MUCH ABOUT THE OPEN SPACE
18 AREA. AND I'M GOING TO GO ON TO SAY THAT I'M A LIFELONG
19 RESIDENT OF POMONA. AS A FATHER, COMMUNITY ACTIVIST, BUSINESS
20 OWNER AND FORMER CITY COMMISSIONER, I'M PROUD TO REPRESENT MY
21 COMMUNITY TODAY. SOME OF THE MANY THINGS POMONA IS PROUD OF
22 ARE OUR PARKS' GREEN SPACE. WE HAVE 23 PARKS SERVING THE
23 POPULATION OF 150,000. RECREATIONAL FIELDS, PLAYGROUNDS AND
24 OPEN SPACE ARE ESSENTIAL TO THE EVERYDAY LIFE OF POMONA
25 FAMILIES. POMONA VOTERS JOIN RESIDENTS ACROSS THE COUNTY TO



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1 GENERATE FUNDING TO PROTECT THEIR PARKS AND GREEN SPACE, NOT
2 TO DRILL FOR OIL. AS A FOUNDING MEMBER OF POMONA HABLA, I HAVE
3 WORKED ON ISSUES OF ECONOMIC AND EQUALITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL
4 INJUSTICE AND COULD NOT STAY BEHIND WITHOUT MAKING OUR
5 COMMUNITY'S VOICE HEARD TODAY. OIL DRILLING ON PROP "A" LAND
6 WOULD NEVER BE ACCEPTED IN SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS. WHY IS IT
7 OKAY TO DO IT IN WHITTIER HILLS? WE HAVE VERY LITTLE OPEN
8 SPACE IN THE SOUTHEAST OF THE COUNTY. THE BIGGEST AREA OF OPEN
9 SPACE IS THE WHITTIER HILLS. AND THIS IS EXACTLY WHERE THEY
10 WANT TO DRILL. HOW IS THIS FAIR AND EQUITABLE? WE NEED A NEW
11 PROP "A" AND IT NEEDS TO BE FOCUSED IN OUR COMMUNITIES,
12 COMMUNITIES IN DESPERATE NEED OF PARKS AND OPEN SPACE BECAUSE
13 HAVING GREEN PLACES FOR OUR CHILDREN TO PLAY AND OUR ELDERLY
14 TO WALK IMPROVES THE QUALITY OF OUR LIVES. ALL OF THE COUNTY'S
15 CITIES ARE ENTITLED TO BENEFIT FROM PROPOSITION "A" FUNDS. I
16 URGE YOU TO REJECT THE OIL DRILLING IN WHITTIER HILLS AND VOID
17 THE LEASE BETWEEN WHITTIER AND MATRIX OIL. THANK YOU VERY
18 MUCH.

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20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WELL TAKE
21 THE NEXT SPEAKER.

22
23 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. I
24 LIVE IN SOUTH PASADENA. I REPRESENT THE SIERRA CLUB TODAY. I'M
25 HERE TO URGE THE BOARD TO OPPOSE OIL DRILLING ON PROP "A" LAND



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1 IN WHITTIER HILLS. PROJECTS SUCH AS THESE ARE ONES WE'RE
2 PASSIONATE. ALLOWING OIL DRILLING ON PROP "A" LAND SETS A
3 DANGEROUS PRECEDENT FOR THE FUTURE OF PROP "A" LAND IN THE
4 CITY AND COUNTY. CITIES IN TOP CONDITIONS WILL THINK THEY CAN
5 USE THE PROP "A" LAND AS THEIR OWN AND DEVELOP IT OR DO
6 ANYTHING IN VIOLATION FOR THE PURPOSE AND INTENT OF PROP "A".
7 I'M HERE BECAUSE THIS IS AN ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ISSUE. OIL
8 DRILLING ON PROP "A" LAND WOULD NEVER BE ALLOWED IN SANTA
9 MONICA MOUNTAINS AS MENTIONED EARLIER. WHY IS IT OKAY TO DO
10 HERE? CLOSING I URGE YOU TO ADOPT THE STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS
11 AND REJECT THE MATRIX LEASE FOR WHITTIER FOR OIL DRILLING. WE
12 NEED A NEW PROP "A" AND IT NEEDS TO BE FOCUSED ON OUR
13 COMMUNITIES ESPECIALLY DURING THESE TIMES OF HARDSHIP.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR
16 TESTIMONY. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I WISH TO CALL TO YOUR
17 ATTENTION SHE COMPLETED HER TESTIMONY IN 55 SECONDS.

18 [APPLAUSE.] SO YOU HAVE MY PERMISSION TO APPLAUD NOW.

19 [APPLAUSE.] NO ENDORSEMENT OF THE REMARKS. ONLY ENDORSEMENT OF
20 THE BREVITY. FOLLOW HER SUIT IF YOU CAN. THE ONE AND ONLY JOHN
21 MORETTA FATHER, PLEASE COME FORWARD.

22

23 **FATHER JOHN MORETTA:** I'LL SEE IF I CAN BEAT THAT.

24



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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WELL YOU'RE ABLE TO DO GREAT
2 THINGS.

3

4 **FATHER JOHN MORETTA:** MY NAME IS MONSIGNOR JOHN MORETTA. I'M
5 THE PASTOR OF RESURRECTION CHURCH IN BOYLE HEIGHTS. FOR THE
6 LAST FEW YEARS I HAVE BEEN ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE
7 COMMITTEE OF THE A.Q.M.D. LIVING IN BOYLE HEIGHTS FOR THE LAST
8 30 YEARS, I'M EXTREMELY SENSITIVE TO ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE
9 ISSUES. IF THE PROPONENTS OF THIS CAN DO IT IN WHITTIER, TRUST
10 ME, THEY WILL HAVE NO SECOND THOUGHTS ABOUT DOING IT IN THE
11 MORE VULNERABLE AREAS OF ALL L.A. COUNTY. GREED IS TO BE
12 TEMPERED BY COMMON SENSE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** OH MY GOD. [APPLAUSE.] YEAH.
15 YEAH. ALL RIGHT. NOW, LET'S SEE. JOSE CALDERON.

16

17 **JOSE CALDERON:** YES. GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. I AM DR. JOSE
18 CALDERON. EMERITUS PROFESSOR AT PITZER COLLEGE AND MEMBER OF
19 THE L.A. BOARD OF EDUCATION AND ALSO ON THE BOARD OF POMONA
20 ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY CENTER. AND AS A PROFESSOR WHO USES
21 SERVICE LEARNING AND COMMUNITY-BASED RESEARCH PROJECTS FOR MY
22 STUDENTS, I HAVE BEEN PLEASED AS TO THE INTENT OF PROPOSITION
23 "A" GIVING AT-RISK YOUTH MANY OPPORTUNITIES TO BE INVOLVED IN
24 WORK THEY WOULD NOT OTHERWISE EXPERIENCE. PROPOSITION "A" HAS
25 NOT ONLY INCREASED THE NUMBER OF PARKS ACROSS THE COUNTY, BUT



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1 HAS PROVIDED ON-THE-JOB AND LIFE SKILLS TRAINING FOR OUR AT-
2 RISK YOUTH. FINALLY, I AM CONCERNED, MY NEIGHBORS ARE
3 CONCERNED THAT IF THE CITY OF WHITTIER AND THE MATRIX OIL
4 CORPORATION CAN GET AWAY WITH THIS DANGEROUS PRECEDENT, THERE
5 IS NOTHING LEFT TO INSURE THAT THIS PRACTICE WILL NOT BE
6 REPEATED IN OTHER OPEN SPACES, TARGETING OUR MOST VULNERABLE
7 COMMUNITIES, ALLOWING OTHER JURISDICTIONS TO USE TAXPAYER PROP
8 "A" LAND AS THEIR OWN AND TO USE IT IN VIOLATION OF THE
9 MEASURE. FOR THAT, I URGE YOU TO OPPOSE THIS DIRECTION. THANK
10 YOU.

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR
13 TESTIMONY. WE'LL PROCEED TO THE NEXT SPEAKER. CLAIRE ROBINSON
14 IS THE NEXT SPEAKER THAT I CALLED. DANIEL DURON. ALL RIGHT,
15 CLAIRE, IS THAT YOU?

16

17 **CLAIRE ROBINSON:** THANK YOU, IT IS ME.

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** AH.

20

21 **CLAIRE ROBINSON:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. I AM A RESIDENT OF THE
22 FIFTH DISTRICT, AND I RUN A NONPROFIT ALSO HEADQUARTERED IN
23 THE FIFTH DISTRICT. WE'VE BEEN INVOLVED WITH OVER A DOZEN VERY
24 SUCCESSFUL PROP A PROJECTS WHICH HAVE BROUGHT MULTIPLE
25 BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITIES, NAMELY ALONG THE RIO HONDO AND



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1 SAN GABRIEL RIVERS AS PART OF THE EMERALD NECKLACE. WE'RE VERY
2 EXCITED ABOUT THE BENEFITS OF PROP "A" AND THE WAY THAT PROP A
3 KEEPS LOS ANGELES COUNTY ON THE MAP NATIONALLY IN TERMS OF
4 QUALITY OF LIFE AND OPEN SPACE. WE STRONGLY URGE YOU TO REJECT
5 THE LEASE THE CITY OF WHITTIER AND MATRIX OIL HAVE PLANNED.
6 VERY DISRUPTIVE PRECEDENT TO THE FUTURE OF PROP "A" AND,
7 INSTEAD, TO START PREPARING FOR OUR NEXT PROP "A" DISTRICT SO
8 THAT WE CAN CONTINUE THE GOOD WORK OF PROP "A". THANK YOU SO
9 MUCH.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
12 WELL PROCEED TO THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

13

14 **DANIEL DURAN:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS DANIEL
15 DURAN. I'M A 20 YEAR RESIDENT OF WHITTIER AND A BUSINESS
16 PROFESSOR AT WHITTIER COLLEGE WHERE I TEACH BUSINESS COURSES
17 INCLUDING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT. I'M ALSO A FOUNDING MEMBER
18 OF THE WHITTIER HILLS OIL WATCH AND OPEN SPACE LEGAL DEFENSE
19 FUND. I'VE PREPARED THE TOP 10 REASONS WHY WE SHOULD NOT GO
20 THROUGH WITH THIS PROJECT. I WILL TAKE IT TO ONE REASON. ONE
21 REASON THAT SPEAKS TO OUR HEARTS. AS A COLLEGE TEACHER I TRY
22 TO TEACH MY STUDENTS THAT WE SHOULD ALWAYS ASK WHAT THE REAL
23 IMPACTS ARE OF ANY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT IN RESPECT TO GOING
24 FORWARD WITH THE PROPOSITION. WHAT THE PROJECT OUTCOME WILL BE
25 IN TERMS OF PEOPLE, PLANET AND PROFITS. THUS FAR, THE ONLY



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1 OUTCOME THAT WE CAN SEE OF ANY RATIONALITY IS THAT OF PROFITS
2 FOR MATRIX OIL, WHICH HAS ITS FOUNDING FATHERS OUT OF TEXAS
3 AND DENIES US ANY REAL BENEFITS. I ASK YOU: WHY WILL WE ALLOW
4 THIS PROJECT TO GO FORWARD WHEN WE HAVE OVER 2,000 STUDENTS AT
5 WHITTIER COLLEGE, FACULTY AND STAFF AND 85,000 PEOPLE IN THE
6 CITY THAT WILL NOT REAP THE REAL BENEFITS THAT WERE ENGENDERED
7 BY PROPOSITION "A"? I URGE YOU TO ADOPT THE STAFF
8 RECOMMENDATION TO REJECT THE MATRIX LEASE FOR WHITTIER OIL
9 PROJECT. THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. WELL DONE. ALL RIGHT.
12 NEXT SPEAKER IS? EDDIE GONZALEZ FOLLOWED BY ROY MCKEE, MARK
13 STANLEY. AFTER MR. STANLEY, BELINDA OSTINOS, AFTER HER, AMERON
14 MUNOZ, MONIC URIATE, JAMES ALAMILLO, IF THOSE PERSONS WOULD
15 COME. SIR, PLEASE?

16

17 **EDDIE GIBZAKEZ:** YES, GOOD MORNING, CHAIRMAN RIDLEY-THOMAS,
18 BOARD MEMBERS. MY NAME IS EDDIE GONZALEZ. I'M A DAY LABOR
19 ORGANIZER WITH THE POMONA ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY CENTER AND I'M
20 ALSO A PROUD RESIDENT OF SANTA FE SPRINGS FOR THE LAST 10
21 YEARS AND I'M PROUD TO BE AN ANGELINO, ALWAYS REPRESENTING
22 L.A. COUNTY. OUR WORKERS HAVE GONE THROUGH HARDSHIPS DUE TO
23 THE RECESSION, DUE TO THE ECONOMIC CRISIS. AND FOR THAT, IT'S
24 BEEN VERY DIFFICULT FOR THEM TO GO OUT OF WORK. WHAT WE NEED
25 RIGHT NOW IS TO PRODUCE JOBS, INCREASE THOSE JOBS, BRING DOWN



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1 THE UNEMPLOYMENT, BRING THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR YOUTH AT
2 RISK. I JUST SAW SOME FOLKS OUT HERE WHO ARE REPRESENTING I
3 BELIEVE THE SOUTH SAN GABRIEL VALLEY CONSERVATIVE CORPS. IT
4 REALLY TOUCHES MY HEART BECAUSE I WAS PART OF THE YOUTH
5 SERVICE ACADEMY PROGRAM THAT WAS BY DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND
6 POWER AND THAT GAVE ME AN OPPORTUNITY TO GROW, GET INTO THE
7 UNION, GET INTO THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES AND NOW WORK FOR THIS
8 NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION. AND WHAT I'M ASKING IS ALL THE BOARD
9 OF SUPERVISORS TO KIND OF JUST THINK ABOUT OUR COMMUNITY.
10 THINK ABOUT OUR FAMILIES. WE'RE NOT TRYING TO BE A PLACE LIKE
11 ABOUT A MONTH -- A WEEK OR TWO WHERE THERE WAS A STRONG BAD
12 ODOR THAT WAS SURROUNDING THE CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS. I
13 SMELLED IT. GOD FORBID THERE HAPPENS TO BE A PIPE LEAK OR
14 SOMETHING WHEN THEY'RE TRYING TO DRILL THESE OILS. AND IT'S
15 NOT GOING TO BE THOSE FOLKS WHO ARE BRINGING THOSE REFINERIES
16 HERE, IT WILL BE THE PEOPLE THAT LIVE IN THESE CITIES WHO WILL
17 BE FACING ANY HEALTH ISSUES. SO I URGE YOU GUYS TO PLEASE
18 OPPOSE THIS MEASURE. THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

21

22 **ROY MCKEE:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS ROY MCKEE. I
23 LIVE IN WHITTIER AND I'M ONE OF THE FOUNDING MEMBERS OF THE
24 WHITTIER HILLS OIL WATCH AND ITS PRESIDENT. I'M OPPOSED TO OIL
25 DRILLING ON THE PROP "A" LAND AS IT'S A DIRECT VIOLATION OF



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1 THE WILL OF THE VOTERS. I'M HERE TO TELL YOU WHAT YOU DON'T
2 KNOW ABOUT THE OIL PROJECT. THE OIL PROJECT STARTED OCTOBER
3 18, 2006. ON DECEMBER 3, 2007, A LETTER OF INTENT WAS SIGNED
4 BY BY WHITTIER TO MATRIX OIL. JANUARY 19, 2008 A MEETING
5 BETWEEN WHITTIER MAIN PARTIES WAS HELD SPONSORED BY J.C.
6 MCFARLAND LIAISON FOR MATRIX OIL. REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE
7 CITY OF WHITTIER, MATRIX OIL, CLAYTON WILLIAMS ENERGY AND THE
8 HILLS HABITAT AUTHORITY WERE THERE TO SHARE INFORMATION. MARCH
9 27, 2008 AN EMAIL WAS SENT FROM J.C. MCFARLAND TO FORMER CITY
10 MANAGER STEVE, MARK, WILLIAMS EMERGENCY AND MIKE MCKASKIE OF
11 MATRIX OIL. IT TALKED ABOUT A TERM SHEET AND LETTER AGREEMENT
12 BETWEEN THE COMPANIES AND THE CITY OF WHITTIER. THE TERM SHEET
13 SAID THAT RESEARCH WAS DONE TO ADDRESS THE CHARTER'S
14 LIMITATION AND TERMS OF LEASE OF 25 YEARS. THE LETTER OF
15 AGREEMENT INCLUDED AGREEMENTS ON ROYALTIES, OBLIGATION WELLS,
16 CONTINUOUS DEVELOPMENT, ET CETERA. ACCORDING TO THE SAME
17 EMAIL, THESE DOCUMENTS WERE SENT TO WHITTIER'S ATTORNEY LORI
18 COLLINS ON FEBRUARY 21, 2008. RICHARD JONES WHITTIER CONTRACT
19 ATTORNEY IS ALSO THE CHAIRMAN OF CAL DOMESTIC WATER WHICH WILL
20 BE A WATER SUPPLIER TO THE OIL PROJECT. IS THAT NOT A CONFLICT
21 OF INTEREST? IT'S CLEAR WHITTIER HAD AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OIL
22 COMPANIES PRIOR TO GOING TO BID. ISN'T THIS BID TAMPERING? I'M
23 ASKING YOU THE BOARD TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION AND POSSIBLE
24 COVER UP AND BID TAMPERING BY WHITTIER. I WOULD LIKE TO ADD
25 THE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION TO PUBLIC RECORD. I ALSO URGE THE



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1 BOARD TO POSTPONE ITEM 6 ON YOUR AGENDA, THE ENDORSEMENT OF
2 THE B.D.C.P. UNTIL THE E.I.R. AND COLS THE BENEFIT ANALYSIS IS
3 RELEASED. THANK YOU.

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. IF
6 YOU HAVE DOCUMENTS, PLEASE GIVE THEM TO THE SERGEANT. WE'LL
7 TAKE THE NEXT SPEAK EARTH. THE BALANCE OF THE PEOPLE WHOSE
8 NAMES I DID CALL, IF YOU COULD COME FORWARD SO WE CAN
9 CONTINUE. MARK STANLEY, PLEASE.

10

11 **MARK STANLEY:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS MARK STANLEY. I'M THE
12 EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES
13 RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY. I ALSO REPRESENT THE
14 WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY WHICH IS A JOINT POWERS
15 ORGANIZATION. THIS PROJECT SITE IS PART OF A REGIONAL CORRIDOR
16 WHICH FORMS A CRITICAL BUFFER REMAINING OPEN SPACE BETWEEN THE
17 SAN GABRIEL VALLEY AND THE COASTAL PLAIN OF ORANGE COUNTY. THE
18 NEIGHBORING MONTEBELLO HILLS TOGETHER WITH THE WHITTIER
19 RECREATION AREA REPRESENT THE MOST IMPORTANT ECOLOGICAL
20 RESERVE LEFT ON THE FLOOR OF THE LOS ANGELES BASIN. THE
21 COMBINATION OF NATIVE HABITAT, CLOSE PROXIMITY TO COASTAL SAGE
22 SCRUB, CHAPAREL WOODLAND, RIPARIAN ZONE AND FRESH WATER MARSH
23 AND THE RELATIVE LARGE EXTENT OF THESE HABITATS MAKE THIS AREA
24 AN EXTREMELY HIGH PRIORITY. THE R.M.C. IS CONCERNED WITH THE
25 POTENTIALLY SIGNIFICANT BIOLOGICAL AND RECREATIONAL IMPACTS



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1 ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROPOSED PROJECT. THE WHITTIER-PUENTE
2 HILLS REGIONAL HABITAT BLOCK IS ONE OF THE BEST EXAMPLES IN
3 THE NATION OF A FUNCTIONAL URBAN HABITAT AREA THAT REMAINS
4 TENUOUSLY CONNECTED TO A LARGE NATIONAL FOREST LAND. ANY
5 PROJECT DEVELOPED IN THE WHITTIER-PUENTE HILLS REGIONAL
6 HABITAT BLOCK SHOULD MAKE A MAJOR PERMANENT CONTRIBUTION TO
7 BOTH THE QUALITY OF PROTECTING HABITAT AND THE QUALITY OF THE
8 HABITAT. ANY PROJECT DEVELOPED IN THE WHITTIER-PUENTE HILLS
9 REGIONAL HABITAT BLOCK SHOULD ALSO MAXIMIZE EFFORTS FOR
10 IMMEDIATE AND LONG TERM HABITAT CAPABILITY, IN EFFECT PARTS OF
11 THE REGIONAL HABITAT BLOCK SYSTEM.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT.

14

15 **SPEAKER:** THE NET POST-PROJECT CONDITIONS SHOULD LEAVE A STRONG
16 AND LARGER PROTECTED HABITAT BLOCK IN THE MITIGATION MEASURES,
17 SHOULD MAINTAIN THE ECOLOGICAL CAPABILITIES OF THE CURRENT
18 ECOSYSTEM THROUGHOUT THE LIFE OF THE PROJECT.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. I'M GOING TO HAVE TO
21 ASK YOU IF YOU CONCLUDE AND THE BALANCE OF YOUR TESTIMONY YOU
22 CAN FEEL FREE TO SHARE WITH THE SERGEANT.

23

24 **SPEAKER:** OKAY. MAJOR LOSSES OF THE HABITAT HAVE OCCURRED IN
25 THIS AREA DUE TO HOUSING DEVELOPMENT, LOCAL LANDFILLS, GOLF



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1 COURSES. THE IMPACT OF THIS PROJECT WOULD HAVE BOTH TEMPORARY
2 AND LONG TERM IMPACTS ON THIS HABITAT AREA AND ECOSYSTEM.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU. AND THE BOARD
5 WOULD APPRECIATE BEING IN RECEIPT OF YOUR DOCUMENTS. AND THANK
6 YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I DID INDICATE
7 AT THE TOP OF THE HEARING THAT THERE WERE 111 PERSONS WHO DID
8 WISH TO BE HEARD. AT THIS POINT, AS NEAR AS I CAN TELL
9 ACCORDING TO MY COUNT, 103 PEOPLE STILL WISH TO BE HEARD.
10 WHICH MEANS THAT WE HAVE TO PICK UP THE PACE. DON'T HOLD IT
11 AGAINST ME THAT I CAN COUNT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. PROCEED TO
12 MISS FAUSTINOS, PLEASE.

13

14 **BELINDA FAUSTINOS:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS BELINDA AND I
15 APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF
16 SUPERVISORS. I COME WITH A UNIQUE PERSPECTIVE ON THIS
17 PARTICULAR ACQUISITION THAT WAS MADE BY THE CITY OF WHITTIER.
18 AT THE TIME I WORKED FOR THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS
19 CONSERVANCY AND THE MOUNTAINS RECREATION AND CONSERVATION
20 AUTHORITY AND WAS DEEPLY INVOLVED IN THE NEGOTIATIONS FOR THIS
21 PARTICULAR PROPERTY. AND I CAN SPEAK TO YOU FROM MY PERSONAL
22 KNOWLEDGE THAT THIS PROPERTY WAS PURCHASED SPECIFICALLY FOR
23 THE PURPOSES OF PARK AND OPEN SPACE. ONE OF THE CLEAR MESSAGES
24 THAT WE HAD FROM THE CITY OF WHITTIER AT THE TIME AND FROM OUR
25 OWN BOARDS WAS THAT THIS WAS SOMETHING THAT THE CLEAR INTENT



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1 WAS TO TRANSFORM THIS PROPERTY FROM WHAT ONCE HAD BEEN
2 EXTENSIVE OIL DRILLING SITES INTO PARK AND OPEN SPACE. AND
3 CLEARLY THERE WAS NO INTENT TO EVER RESURRECT THOSE OIL USES
4 OF THAT PROPERTY. SO I URGE YOU TO MAINTAIN THAT INTENT THAT
5 WAS CLEARLY PART OF THE PROJECT AGREEMENT WHEN THAT PROPERTY
6 WAS PURCHASED, WHEN THOSE FUNDS WERE AUTHORIZED. AND IT IS
7 SOMETHING THAT WE NEED TO PRESERVE BECAUSE IF WE WANT TO GO
8 BACK TO THE VOTERS EVER AGAIN, WITH ANY KIND OF PROPOSITION IN
9 L.A. COUNTY, WHETHER IT'S FOR PARK AND OPEN SPACE, STORM WATER
10 AND CLEANUP, WHATEVER IT MAY BE, WE NEED TO MAINTAIN THE TRUST
11 OF OUR VOTERS. AND THE ONLY WAY THAT WE CAN DO THAT IS BY
12 PRESERVING THOSE RIGHTS. THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR
15 TESTIMONY. MS. MUNOZ, PLEASE.

16

17 **IRMA MUNOZ:** GOOD MORNING AND THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO
18 SPEAK TO YOU THIS MORNING. AS A RESIDENT OF LIVING NEXT TO THE
19 LARGEST URBAN OIL FIELD IN THE COUNTRY, I CAN TELL YOU THE
20 EXPERIENCES AND FEELINGS AND THOUGHTS THAT A RESIDENT FAMILY
21 HAS OF WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU LIVE NEXT TO 1,000 PLUS OIL RIGS.
22 MY COMMENTS ARE SHORT AND SWEET. WHAT'S RIGHT IS RIGHT AND
23 WHAT'S WRONG IS WRONG AND THIS IS DEFINITELY WRONG. IT'S
24 LEGALLY WRONG AND MORALLY WRONG. WHAT BROUGHT ME HERE TODAY IS
25 MY MORAL COMPASS. AS YOU KNOW, I'M CHAIR OF THE SANTA MONICA



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1 MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY AND I'M NOT SPEAKING ON THEIR BEHALF. I
2 DON'T HAVE THAT AUTHORITY. BUT I DO NOT AGREE WITH MY
3 COLLEAGUES ON THE M.R.C.A. I DO NOT THINK THAT OIL DRILLING IS
4 RIGHT FOR ANY NEIGHBORHOOD. I CAN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT THE OIL
5 FIELD IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD, BUT I AM NOT GOING TO SUPPORT US
6 DROPPING AN OIL FIELD IN ANOTHER NEIGHBORHOOD. IT'S HAPPENING
7 IN HERMOSA. IT'S HAPPENING BY U.S.C. AND I URGE YOU TO VOTE
8 NO. VOTE WITH YOUR MORAL COMPASS. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR
11 TESTIMONY. WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER. MONIQUE FOLLOWED BY
12 JAMES, JOEL, IF YOU WOULD COME FORWARD. AND FOLLOWED BY MARK
13 KENYON, VALERIE SHATYNSKI, DANNY OAXACA AND ELVA YANEZ.

14

15 **MONIC URIARTE:** SENORA MOLINA, YOU SOUND SICK. I HOPE YOU GET
16 WELL SOON. WE CARE ABOUT YOUR HEALTH.

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YES.

19

20 **MONIC URIARTE:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS MONIC. AND I LIVE IN
21 ONE OF THE ESPERANZA COMMUNITY HOUSING CORPORATION BUILDINGS
22 IN THE U.S.C. AREA. I'M HERE TO URGE THIS BOARD TO OPPOSE OIL
23 DRILL ON PROPOSITION "A" LAND IN WHITTIER HILLS. LET ME TELL
24 YOU ABOUT MY STORY AND MY COMMUNITY STRUGGLE WHEN A CURRENT
25 OIL DRILL IN THE U.S.C. AREA. FIRST OF ALL, THESE OIL DRILLS



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1 IS SURROUNDED BY NINE SCHOOLS IN A HIGH-DENSITY RESIDENTIAL
2 AREA. CHILDREN HAVE BEEN EXPERIENCING NASAL BLEEDING, ASTHMA,
3 HEADACHES, NAUSEA, HEART PROBLEMS AMONG OTHERS. I'M CONCERNED
4 ABOUT OIL DRILL, THE POTENTIAL FOR A SPILL, THE NOISE, THE
5 POLLUTION AND DRILLING NEAR TO A KNOWN FAULT LINE. BUT MORE
6 IMPORTANT CONCERN IS ABOUT OUR HEALTH. THE OIL BLOOM IS A
7 GRID. IT'S MAKING OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS SHORT SIGHTED AND ALL
8 THIS IS ABOUT GREED. OUR HEALTH IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN MONEY.
9 YOU HAVE THE POWER TO GRADUALLY KILL OR SAVE THE LIFE OF THE
10 PEOPLE THAT PUT YOU IN YOUR POSITIONS. I URGE THE BOARD TO
11 REJECT OIL DRILLING IN WHITTIER HILL AND AVOID THE LEASE
12 BETWEEN WHITTIER AND MATRIX OIL.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
15 ALL RIGHT WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKERS, PLEASE. JUST GO RIDE
16 AN HEAT.

17

18 **JAMES ALAMILLO:** MY NAME IS JAMES ALAMILLO. I REPRESENT HEAL
19 THE BAY AND I WANT TO THANK THE BOARD FOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO
20 SPEAK TODAY. ECHOING THE SENTIMENTS MADE BY BELINDA FAUSTINOS
21 AND IRMA MUNOZ I WANT TO URGE THE COUNTY TO DENY THIS LEASE
22 AGREEMENT PROJECT BEFORE YOU TODAY FOR THE VARIOUS REASONS
23 THAT HAVE ALREADY BEEN STATED. AND MORE IMPORTANTLY, YOU KNOW,
24 HEAL THE BAY IS VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE WATER CONSUMPTION
25 ELEMENTS OF THIS PROJECT GIVEN THAT WE ARE GOING THROUGH



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1 DROUGHT-LIKE CONDITIONS. AND WE HAVEN'T HAD MUCH RAIN. BUT
2 MORE IMPORTANTLY, HEAL THE BAY HAS A LOT OF EXPERIENCE WORKING
3 ON THIS TYPE OF ISSUE AS IT RELATES TO THE BALDWIN HILLS
4 INGLEWOOD OIL FIELDS AND WE'VE SEEN HOW INCOMPATIBLE USES OF
5 CONNECTING BOTH WILDLIFE HABITAT AND RECREATIONAL USE TO OIL
6 PRODUCTION REALLY ARE A SPATIAL MISMATCH. SO AGAIN WE ARE HERE
7 TO URGE YOU TO VOTE AGAINST THIS. THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY
10 AND WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. SIR?

11

12 **JOEL JACINTO:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS JOEL
13 JACINTO AND I REPRESENT THE DIVERSE HISTORIC FILIPINO TOWN IN
14 THE FIRST DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES. I'M HERE TO OPPOSE OIL
15 DRILLING ON PROP "A" LAND. MY ORGANIZATION PHILIPPINE
16 AMERICANS OF S.E.P.A. HAS A LONG HISTORY OF YOUTH EMPOWERMENT.
17 OUR YOUTH AND COMMUNITY FACE MANY CHALLENGES: ECONOMIC
18 INJUSTICE, RACIAL INJUSTICE AND NOW ENVIRONMENTAL. INJUSTICE.
19 I DO NOT AGREE DRILLING IN WHITTIER HILLS IS ACCEPTABLE
20 BECAUSE IT WILL ALLOW THE PURCHASE OF MORE OPEN SPACE WITH THE
21 STREAM OF REVENUE. WHO DECIDES WHERE THAT REVENUE WILL GO?
22 WILL WE DECIDE? WILL THE BOARD DECIDE? NO. M.R.C. DOES NOT
23 REPRESENT COMMUNITIES IN THE SOUTH AND EAST PART OF THE
24 COUNTY. WHAT KIND OF AN ENVIRONMENT GROUP SUPPORTS OIL
25 DRILLING? WE DO NEED A NEW PROP "A" BUT AN EQUITABLE ONE THAT



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1 REALIZES THAT ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES HAVE NOT BEEN EQUALLY
2 DISTRIBUTED IN THE COUNTY IN THE PAST. I URGE YOU TO ADOPT THE
3 STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS AND REJECT THE MAXTRIX LEASE WITH
4 WHITTIER FOR OIL DRILLING AND REMAIN STEWARDS OF OPEN SPACE IN
5 LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
8 WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE.

9

10 **VALORIE SHATYNSKI:** MY NAME IS VALORIE SHATYNSKI AND I'M A
11 RESIDENT OF PENN STREET. AND WE HAVE THE PROUD PRIVILEGE TO
12 CLAIM IN NEIGHBORHOOD SCOUT THE 76 PERCENT OF OUR SCHOOL-AGE
13 CHILDREN ARE ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED IN THE MAR VISTA
14 NEIGHBORHOOD. PLEASE DENY THE INDUSTRIAL OIL DRILLING ON PROP
15 A LANDS. THE COVENANT IS TO ACQUIRE, PROTECT AND PRESERVE.
16 THIS IS A BETRAYAL OF PUBLIC TRUST. MY HUSBAND AND I PROUDLY
17 PURCHASED A HOME NEAR THE WHITTIER HILLS, A RARE GEM IN L.A.
18 COUNTY. YES, PRESERVED BY PROP "A" FUNDS SPECIFICALLY IN THIS
19 NEIGHBORHOOD. AND WE HAVE FAITHFULLY KEPT OUR COVENANT AND
20 PAID OUR PROPERTY TAXES FOR PROP "A" FOR THIS PURPOSE. AND WE
21 EXPECT THE CITY OF WHITTIER AND THE COUNTY TO UPHOLD THIS
22 COVENANT. WE WILL NOT APPROVE ANOTHER BOND FUND FOR ANY
23 PURPOSE IF THIS GOES FORWARD. THANK YOU.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
2 WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKERS. MAY I CALL MARGARITEA RAMIREZ,
3 GLEN DRAKE, DON MOSS, JERRY SCHNEIDER. EDDIE TORRES. JAVIER
4 PACHECKO AND JODI DELANEY IN THAT ORDER. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,
5 IF YOU WOULD COME FORWARD HAVE I THINK JUST A FEW MOMENTS AGO
6 I INDICATED THAT WE ARE DOWN TO ABOUT 103. WE'RE BACK UP TO
7 111 NOW. LET'S PROCEED. LET'S PROCEED WITH THE NEXT SPEAKER.
8 SIR?

9

10 **IRVIN BARRAGAN:** MY NAME IS IRVIN BARRAGAN. MY EXECUTIVE
11 DIRECTOR DANNY GAVE UP HIS MINUTE TO ALLOW ME TO SPEAK. I'M A
12 GRADUATE FROM THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY CONSERVATION CORPS YOUTH
13 CHARTER SCHOOL AND I AM NOW A CORPS MEMBER. I'M HERE TO URGE
14 THE BOARD TO REJECT THE MATRIX LEASE AND TO PRESENT PETITIONS
15 FOR THE COUNTY RESIDENTS. THANKS TO PROP "A" MONEY, FUNDING
16 S.G.V.C.C. I'VE BEEN ABLE TO TRANSFORM MY LIFE COMPLETELY FROM
17 LIVING IN THE STREETS TO COMING BEFORE YOU, THE BOARD OF
18 SUPERVISORS TO SPEAK. THIS PROGRAM SHOWED ME FIRSTHAND WHAT IT
19 IS TO HAVE A REAL JOB. THROUGH THE CONSERVATION OF OUR
20 ENVIRONMENT, I'VE BEEN ABLE TO DIG AND PLANT THE SEEDS OF
21 TOMORROW FOR GENERATIONS TO COME. WITH EVERY TREE PLANTED, WE
22 NOT ONLY NOURISH AND CARE FOR THIS LIVING ORGANISM, BUT WE,
23 TOO, HAVE SPROUTED AND GROWN OUT OF OPPRESSION. I ASK MY
24 FELLOW CORPS MEMBERS TO RISE, THE RECIPIENTS OF PROP "A". IF



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1 THIS LEASE IS APPROVED, YOU ARE NOT ONLY GOING TO BE FRACKING
2 OUR EARTH, BUT ALSO OUR COMMUNITY. THANK YOU.

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY,
5 YOUNG MAN. WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

6

7 **ELVA YANEZ:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS ELVA YANEZ,
8 I'M HERE REPRESENTING THE LOS ANGELES NEIGHBORHOOD LAND TRUST.
9 WE URGE YOU TO DENY THE PROPOSED OIL DRILLING PROJECT AND
10 REJECT THE PROPOSED PLANS TO GENERATE PRIVATE PROFITS FROM
11 PUBLIC LAND. AS AN ORGANIZATION THAT HAS RELIED UPON THESE
12 FUNDS TO BUILD NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS, WE BELIEVE IT IS IMPORTANT
13 TO UPHOLD THE LEGAL REQUIREMENT THAT RESTRICTS THE USE OF PROP
14 "A" FUNDS EXCLUSIVELY FOR PARKS AND OPEN SPACE PURPOSES.
15 ALLOWING OIL DRILLING ON PROP "A" LANDS SETS A DANGEROUS
16 PRECEDENT, OPENING THE DOORS FOR CITIES TO USE THESE PUBLICLY
17 OWNED PARCELS AS THEIR OWN, TO DEVELOP, EXTRACT OIL, OR TAKE
18 OTHER ACTION CONTRARY TO THE INTENT OF THIS MEASURE. IN
19 CLOSING, I URGE YOU TO ADOPT THE STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS AND
20 DENY THE MATRIX LEASE FOR OIL DRILLING. THANK YOU.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
23 AND WE'LL NOW GO TO THE NEXT SPEAKER.

24



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1 **MARK KENYON:** THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS MARK KENYON,
2 I'M THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF NORTHEAST TREES, AN
3 ENVIRONMENTAL NONPROFIT FUNDED IN NORTHEAST LOS ANGELES. WE'VE
4 BEEN PROUD AND HONORED TO HAVE RECEIVED A NUMBER OF PROP "A"
5 GRANTS OVER THE LAST 20 YEARS WHERE WE'VE USED THOSE FUNDS TO
6 INTERACT WITH TENS OF THOUSANDS OF MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, HIRE
7 AND TRAIN THOUSANDS OF AT-RISK YOUTH, PLANT OVER 80,000 TREES
8 AND DESIGN AND BUILD OVER 100 PARKS. WE ARE PARTICULARLY
9 CONCERNED ABOUT THE PROPOSED PROJECT AND ITS ENVIRONMENTAL
10 IMPACTS AND THE IDEA THAT IT WOULD PRODUCE IRREPARABLE
11 ECONOLOGICAL IMPACTS ON A SIGNIFICANT AND UNIQUE OPEN SPACE
12 RESOURCE. PARTICULARLY FOR THE LOCAL COMMUNITY. WE'RE ALSO
13 CONCERNED ABOUT THE IMPACTS TO THE PUBLIC CONFIDENCE TO THE
14 GOALS OF PROP A AND TO ANY FUTURE FUNDING EFFORTS SIMILAR TO
15 PROP "A". WE DO NOT THINK THE PROPOSED PROJECT IS CONSISTENT
16 WITH PROP "A" IN PARTICULAR THE USE OF THE FUND FOR GENERAL
17 FUND PURPOSES. SO WE STRONGLY URGE YOU TO ADOPT THE FINDINGS
18 OF THE STAFF REPORT AND DENY THE CHANGE OF USE. THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
21 MA'AM?

22

23 **MARGARITA RAMIREZ:** HONORABLE SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS MARGARITA
24 RAMIREZ. I'M A RESIDENT OF THE CITY OF PICO RIVERA AND
25 NEIGHBOR AND USER OF THE WHITTIER HILLS. BOTH CITIES HAVE



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1 WORKED VERY HARD TO KEEP OPEN SPACES IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS
2 ALIVE AND WITH INTENTIONAL GOOD USAGE FOR OUR COMMUNITIES. I
3 AM ALSO THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF GRANT MAKING FOR THE LIBERTY
4 HILL FOUNDATION WHICH URGES THE LOS ANGELES BOARD OF
5 SUPERVISORS TO OPPOSE THE WHITTIER MATRIX OIL DRILLING PROJECT
6 WHERE NEARLY 40 YEARS THE LIBERTY HILLS FOUNDATION HAS
7 SUPPORTED COMMUNITY FOCUSED SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL
8 INITIATIVES TO ASSURE EQUALITY AND OPPORTUNITY IN LOS ANGELES
9 COUNTY. IN THE PAST DECADE, LIBERTY HILL HAS INVESTED IN
10 POLLUTION REDUCTION EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND YOUTH SAFEGUARDS TO
11 PROTECT THE HEALTH OF CALIFORNIANS MOST EXPOSED TO POLLUTION'S
12 DEADLY CONSEQUENCES. MORE RECENTLY WE HAVE EXPANDED OUR WORK
13 TO ADDRESS THE DESPERATE NEED FOR MORE PARK AND OPEN SPACE
14 AMENITIES IN THESE COMMUNITIES. THE LIBERTY HILL FOUNDATION IS
15 WEIGHING IN ON THIS TO ENSURE A VOICE FOR THE COMMUNITIES WE
16 SERVE, THOSE WITH THE MOST POLLUTION AND THE LEAST ACCESS TO
17 PARKS AND OPEN SPACES. WE URGE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO
18 UPHOLD THE INTEGRITY OF PROPOSITION "A" AND INSURE THE
19 PUBLIC'S TRUST IN CONSERVATION FINANCE MEASURES SPONSORED BY
20 LOCAL AND STATE GOVERNMENT. WE URGE YOU TO SAFEGUARD THE
21 INTENT OF PROP "A" AND THE WILL OF THE VOTERS TO PERMANENTLY
22 PROTECT THE LANDS ACQUIRED THROUGH THIS MEASURE FOR PUBLIC USE
23 AS PARKS AND OPEN SPACE AMENITIES. LIBERTY HILL APPRECIATES
24 THE OPPORTUNITY TO SUBMIT COMMENTS ON THIS MATTER. AND I THANK
25 YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION.



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
3 WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. SIR?

4

5 **DON MOSS:** MY NAME'S DON MOSS, I'M THE SECRETARY OF THE
6 EQUESTRIAN JOINT COUNCIL OF AVOCADO HEIGHTS AND SURROUNDING
7 COMMUNITIES. I'M SPEAKING FOR USERS OF THE COUNTY'S OPEN
8 SPACES OIN AND AROUND THE PUENTE- WHITTIER HILLS. THIS LAND
9 GRAB OF PUBLIC OPEN SPACE BY WHITTIER IS CLEARLY ILLEGAL AND
10 HIGHLY IMMORAL. THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MUST QUASH THIS
11 ACTION. THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

14

15 **JERRY SCHNEIDER:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS JERRY
16 SCHNEIDER. I'M A LONGTIME ADVOCATE FOR PARKS AND OPEN SPACE. I
17 SERVE ON A PARK ADVISORY BOARD OF A SMALL NATURE PARK IN EL
18 SERENO THAT SERVES UNDERREPRESENTED COMMUNITY IN THE EAST SIDE
19 OF LOS ANGELES. AND I AM BUOYED BY THE OUTPOURING AND
20 TESTIMONY YOU HAVE RECEIVED BEFORE ME AND I'LL BE BRIEF. ALL
21 THE NOTES I HAVE IN MY POCKET I'LL PUT ASIDE AND SAY IT IS
22 APPARENT THAT THIS PROJECT NEEDS TO BE OPPOSED BECAUSE OF ITS
23 SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS AND THE PRECEDENT THAT IT
24 SETS. THANK YOU.

25



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1 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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3 **EDDIE TORRES:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MY NAME IS
4 EDDIE TORRES WITH EAST LOS ANGELES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND
5 WE'RE OPPOSED TO OIL DRILLING IN WHITTIER. I AM HERE TO TELL
6 THE BOARD THAT THAT POLICY MAKES NO GOOD BUSINESS SENSE. ABOVE
7 EVERYTHING ELSE, BUSINESS OH, I'M SORRY. ABOVE EVERYTHING
8 ELSE, BUSINESS CERTAINLY AND IF YOU ARE GOING TO TAX PEOPLE,
9 YOU BETTER USE THE MONEY FOR WHICH IT IS INTENDED. IN 1992,
10 THE PEOPLE VOTED FOR THE PROP "A" TO PROTECT PARK LAND AND
11 WILDLIFE FOR THE FUTURE AND GENERATIONS. NOW ONE CITY IS USING
12 THIS PROPERTY THAT THEY DID NOT BUY WITH THEIR MONEY AND THEY
13 BOUGHT WITH OUR MONEY, THEY NEED TO BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE. THE
14 EAST L.A. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OPPOSES THIS AND ASK TO STOP IT
15 DEAD IN ITS TRACKS.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

18

19 **JAVIER PACHECO:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS JAVIER PACHECO. AND
20 I'VE BEEN A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF THE CITY OF PICO RIVERA. I AM
21 A CO-CAPTAIN OF THE PICO RIVERA NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH AND
22 VOLUNTEER WITH THE LOS ANGELES PICO RIVERA STATION. AS A
23 RESIDENT OF PICO RIVERA AND A BUSINESSMAN, I UNDERSTAND THE
24 IMPORTANCE OF SAFE AND CLEAN PARKS AND I ALSO APPRECIATE HOW
25 PARKS AND GREEN SPACE BEAUTIFULLY CONTRIBUTE TO THE OVERALL



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1 WELLNESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF LOCAL COMMUNITIES LIKE
2 OURS. I ASK TODAY THAT YOU GUYS BE TRUE TO YOUR, TO THE INTENT
3 AND THE SPIRIT OF PROPOSITION "A" AND VOTE NO ON DRILLING IN
4 THE HILLS. THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
7 WE'LL PROCEED TO THE NEXT SPEAKER, FOLLOWED BY MANUEL
8 MALDONADO, NANCY IBRAHIM, AND CAROL CROSBY.

9

10 **JODY DELANY:** MY NAME IS JODY DELANEY. I'M THE LOS ANGELES
11 PROGRAM DIRECTOR FOR THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND. ON OCTOBER 21,
12 2013 WILL ROGERS OUR C.E.O. AND I SUBMITTED A LETTER FOR THE
13 RECORD AND I'LL SHARE SOME HIGHLIGHTS FOR YOU HERE. "WE'RE
14 WRITING TO REAFFIRM THE POSITION WE TOOK IN OUR DECLARATION OF
15 APRIL 23, 2013 IN WHICH THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND SUPPORTED
16 THE COUNTY AND THE M.R.C. IN THEIR JOINT OPPOSITION TO THE
17 WHITTIER MAIN OIL FIELD DEVELOPMENT PROJECT. WE TOOK THIS
18 POSITION IN ORDER TO HONOR THE INTENT OF PROP "A". TO
19 ACKNOWLEDGE AND AFFIRM THE VOTERS' INTEREST IN AND
20 UNDERSTANDING OF IT, TO PROTECT THE ONGOING INTEGRITY OF PROP
21 "A" AND ITS IMPORTANT LEGACY FOR THE FUTURE AND TO SUPPORT TWO
22 IMPORTANT PUBLIC PARTNERS WITH WHOM WE HAVE WORKED EXTENSIVELY
23 OVER THE YEARS OUR LAND FOR PEOPLE CONSERVATION. WE AGREE WITH
24 THE COURT'S DECISION IN THAT CASE. IN 1995, WE WERE PLEASED TO
25 TAKE THE LEAD IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH CHEVRON ENTITIES THAT



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1 RESULTED IN A SUCCESSFUL ACQUISITION AND ULTIMATE PUBLIC
2 CONSERVATION OF MORE THAN 900 ACRES IN WHITTIER HILLS. AND WE
3 PLAYED A ROLE IN THE CREATION OF PROP "A" ITSELF. WE BELIEVE
4 IT DEFIES THE VISION AND PROMISE OF PROP "A" AND THE INTENT OF
5 THE VOTERS OF LAND SO PROTECTED AS THEN MADE AVAILABLE FOR OIL
6 DRILLING AND EXPLOITATION. APPROVAL OF THE OIL LEASE COULD
7 ALSO PUT OTHER PROTECTED SITES AT RISK IN THE FUTURE AND
8 JEOPARDIZE SUCCESS OF ADDITIONAL MEASURES DESIGNED TO CONSERVE
9 AT-RISK OPEN SPACE ACROSS LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE LOOK FORWARD
10 TO CONTINUING THE CONVERSATION ABOUT POSSIBILITIES IN
11 CONNECTION WITH A NEW PROP "A" AND CONSERVATION INITIATIVES IN
12 LOS ANGELES COUNTY." THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. WE'LL TAKE
15 THE NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE.

16

17 **GLEN DAKE:** MY NAME IS GLEN DAKE, I'M A RESIDENT OF LOS
18 ANGELES. THANK YOU FOR HEARING ME. I'VE REVIEWED THE TEXT OF
19 PROP "A" FROM 1992 ADOPTED BY THIS BOARD EARNING 64 PERCENT OF
20 THE VOTE BABY "A" AND ADOPTED WITH 65 PERCENT OF THE VOTE. AND
21 NOWHERE IN THERE IS THERE ANYTHING ABOUT OIL DRILLING. I WOULD
22 SAY THAT THE FINDING OF CONSISTENCY BETWEEN THE PROPOSED
23 DEVELOPMENT EITHER THE AGREEMENT OR THE INTENT OF PROP "A"
24 WOULD BE INCORRECT. THANK YOU.

25



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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. I THINK THAT'S A FOR
2 THE RECORD THERE. NEXT SPEAKER THERE.

3

4 **MANUEL MALDONADO:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS MANUEL MALDONADO.
5 I'M FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT OF A GRASS-ROOTS ORGANIZATION IN THE
6 CITY OF LA PUENTE, IT'S CALLED "NO TE DEJES INSTITUTE FOR
7 EDUCATION." THE PURPOSE OF OUR ORGANIZATION IS TO EDUCATE OUR
8 VOTERS AND TO SEE WHAT EACH ELECTED OFFICIAL BRINGS TO US.
9 TODAY I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF MY GROUP WHICH HAS APPROXIMATELY
10 1,500 REGISTERED VOTERS OR HOUSEHOLDS, NOT REGISTERED VOTERS
11 BUT HOUSEHOLDS AND SUPERVISER IN DISTRICT 1, 2 AND 5. WE ARE
12 HERE TO OPPOSE THE OIL DRILLING IN THE WHITTIER HILLS BECAUSE
13 THE PROXIMITY TO OUR AREA. WE ONLY HAVE ONE PARK IN THE CITY
14 OF LA PUENTE AND MANY OF OUR RESIDENTS DEPEND ON OPEN LAND TO
15 VISIT AND BRING THEIR FAMILIES THERE. AND I THINK THE E.I.R.
16 REPORT WAS VERY EXPLICIT AND THEREFORE WOULD RECOMMEND THE
17 OPPOSITION TO USE PROPOSITION "A" LAND FOR THE USE OF PRIVATE
18 PROFITS. THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
21 WELL DONE. MA'AM?

22

23 **NANCY IBRAHIM:** GOOD MORNING, HONORABLE CHAIRMAN. MY NAME IS
24 NANCY IBRAHIM. I'M THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF ESPERANZA
25 COMMUNITY HOUSING CORPORATION, WHICH IS AN ORGANIZATION BASED



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1 IN SOUTH- CENTRAL LOS ANGELES THAT HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN
2 COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND IS ONE OF THE
3 COCONVENORS OF THE SOUTH LOS ANGELES HEALTH AND HUMAN RIGHTS
4 COALITION. IT'S A PLEASURE TO ADDRESS YOU TODAY AND ADD MY
5 VOICE TO OPPOSITION FOR THIS VERY PERNICIOUS ATTEMPT TO RAVAGE
6 12,000 PLUS ACRES IN THE CITY OF WHITTIER, OF LAND WHICH WE
7 HAVE HEARD SPOKEN OF AS A REFUGE FOR PEOPLE WHO LIKE TO HIKE,
8 WALK, ENJOY NATURE AND BICYCLE. I'M COMPELLED TO BE HERE TODAY
9 BECAUSE OF THE OIL FIELD THAT IS IN OUR RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY
10 REFERRED TO MOMENTS AGO BY MONIQUE. IN IS A SITE THAT IS
11 NEARLY 6,000 SQUARE FEET. AND IT IS EMITTING A TOXIC AIR PLUME
12 THAT STRADDLES YOUR SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT AS WELL AS THE
13 HONORABLE GLORIA MOLINA. THE HEALTH IMPACTS FROM THIS ARE
14 EXTREME FROM CARDIAC PROBLEMS TO ADULT-ONSET ASTHMA,
15 SPONTANEOUS NOSE BLEEDS. WE URGE THIS BODY, AS THE STEWARDS OF
16 THE COMMUNITY HEALTH IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO DO
17 ABSOLUTELY THE RIGHT THING AND BE VIGILANT AGAINST THESE
18 ATTEMPTS TO UNDERMINE THE COMMUNITY'S HEALTH FOR THE SAKE OF
19 THE PROFIT OF A FEW. QUALITY ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS, AIR
20 QUALITY BENEFITS EVERYONE. IT'S A UNIVERSAL GOOD. AS OPPOSED
21 TO PROFITS FOR THE FEW. THANK YOU FOR YOUR VIGILANCE ON THIS.

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
24 WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

25



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1 **CAROL CROSBY:** GOOD MORNING, MR. CHAIRMAN AND BOARD MEMBERS. MY
2 NAME IS CAROL CROSBY, I'M THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE
3 WHITTIER AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. AND I APPRECIATE THE
4 OPPORTUNITY TO BE HERE TODAY AND YOUR RESPECT IN LISTENING TO
5 BOTH SIDES OF THE STORY. TODAY I'M HERE BEFORE YOU
6 REPRESENTING 635 CHAMBER MEMBERS IN THE CITY OF WHITTIER'S
7 BUSINESS COMMUNITY ASKING YOU TO SUPPORT THE WHITTIER MINERAL
8 EXTRACTION PROJECT. THIS PROJECT IS IMPORTANT TO OUR CITY.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** HOLD ON FOR A MOMENT, PLEASE.
11 PLEASE JUST RAISE THE ROOF. THANK YOU. PROCEED.

12

13 **CAROL CROSBY:** THANK YOU. THIS PROJECT IS IMPORTANT TO OUR
14 CITY. IT WILL ULTIMATELY BENEFIT THE COMMUNITY THROUGH THE
15 CREATION OF JOBS, PROVIDING DESPERATELY NEEDED REVENUE TO
16 REPLACE SALES TAX DOLLARS FROM THE LOSS OF NUMEROUS CAR
17 DEALERS AND OTHER BUSINESSES AS WELL AS DEVASTATING LOSS OF
18 REDEVELOPMENT FUNDS, HELPING TO CREATE AN IMAGE THAT WHITTIER
19 IS BOOMING, THAT WILL SERVE TO ATTRACT NEW BUSINESS AND
20 ACTIVITY THROUGHOUT OUR LAND-LOCKED AND MATURE GROWTH CITY.
21 HOWEVER THIS PROJECT IS FAR MORE TO OUR CHAMBER AND OUR
22 COMMUNITY THAN JUST AN OPPORTUNITY TO CREATE A NEW REVENUE
23 STREAM. IT'S MORE ABOUT FACILITATING THE LONG TERM
24 PRESERVATION AND ENHANCEMENT OF OUR BELOVED HILLS AND THE
25 PROTECTION OF THE HABITAT THAT CALLS IT HOME. BY GENERATING



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1 SIGNIFICANT ROYALTIES, THE OIL PROJECT WILL LEVERAGE PREVIOUS
2 PROP "A" FUNDS INVESTED IN THE WHITTIER HILLS RESULTING IN
3 SIGNIFICANT ADDITIONAL FUNDS THAT WILL BE USED BY THE CITY OF
4 WHITTIER, THE M.R.C.A. AND SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY
5 TO BENEFIT NATURAL OPEN SPACE RESOURCES FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL
6 L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS. THIS OIL PROJECT PROPOSES ONLY A 7-ACRE
7 PRODUCTION SITE. THAT EQUATES TO ONLY TWO PERCENT OF THE
8 FORMER OIL LANDS OR .6 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL HABITAT PRESERVED
9 LANDS THAT WILL BE AFFECTED WITH THE REMAINING 3,837 ACRES IN
10 THE WHITTIER HILLS REMAINING UNTOUCHED. THE WHITTIER MINERAL
11 EXTRACTION PROJECT WILL BENEFIT OUR COMMUNITY AND RESIDENTS OF
12 LOS ANGELES COUNTY FOR YEARS TO COME. PLEASE SUPPORT THIS
13 PROJECT. AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. I ALSO HAVE LETTERS FROM
14 CHAMBER MEMBERS THAT I'D LIKE TO INCLUDE FOR THE FOR THE
15 RECORD.

16
17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR
18 TESTIMONY. WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER. SIR, YOUR NAME?

19
20 **DANIEL ROSSMAN:** DANIEL ROSSMAN.

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22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WAS YOUR NAME CALLED, MR.
23 ROSSMAN? IT IS RIGHT HERE. PLEASE COME FORWARD. FOLLOWED BY
24 JORDAN PORTER, JOHNNY JORDAN, JEFF KERNS, MICHAEL MCCASKEY,
25 AND JOE PAQUETTE. THOSE PERSONS WHOSE NAMES WERE CALLED WOULD



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1 COME. MIGHT I CALL TO YOUR ATTENTION IT IS NOW NOON. AND
2 ACCORDING TO MY COUNT, WE ARE NOW AT 100 SPEAKERS REMAINING.
3 THANK YOU SO MUCH. PARDON MY MATH. SIR, YOU MAY PROCEED WITH
4 YOUR TESTIMONY.

5

6 **DANIEL ROSSMAN:** MY NAME IS DANIEL ROSSMAN, I WORK WITH
7 WILDERNESS SOCIETY WHICH IS A NATIONAL ORGANIZATION THAT WORKS
8 TO PROTECT PUBLIC LANDS AND OUR INTEREST IN THIS AREA STEMS
9 FROM RESEARCH AT THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE WAS INSTRUCTED TO
10 DO BY THEN CONGRESSWOMAN HILDA SOLIS. AND THIS DECADES LONG
11 STUDY FOUND THAT IN ADDITION TO THE SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS,
12 THIS REGION, THE HILLS WERE NATIONALLY SIGNIFICANT. THIS IS A
13 LEVEL OF COMMENDATION THAT THE COUNTY SHOULD TAKE GREAT PRIDE
14 IN. AND THE REASON IT WAS DONE SO WAS BECAUSE OF THE IMPORTANT
15 ECOLOGICAL HABITAT AND OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE OPEN SPACE. AS
16 I'M SURE THE BOARD KNOWS, 70 PERCENT OF L.A. COUNTY'S OPEN
17 SPACE ARE THE SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS, WHICH LEAVES A LESS
18 SIGNIFICANT PORTION FOR THE REMAINING LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AND
19 WE LOOK COUNTYWIDE DOWNTOWN L.A. AND THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY
20 THE MOST PARK-POOR REGIONS IN THE COUNTRY WHICH IS WHY IT'S
21 CRITICAL TO PRESERVE THIS AS OPEN SPACE.

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU THANK YOU FOR YOUR
24 TESTIMONY. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

25



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1 **JORDAN PORTER:** HELLO, I'M JORDAN PORTER. ATTORNEY FOR MATRIX
2 OIL CORPORATION AND CLAYTON WILLIAMS ENERGY INC. WE ARE NOT
3 HERE TODAY AS APPLICANTS FOR THIS DECISION. WE HAVE NOT
4 REQUESTED THE BOARD TAKE ANY ACTION. NEITHER HAS THE CITY OF
5 WHITTIER. I TAKE ISSUE WITH THE COUNTY COUNSEL'S
6 CHARACTERIZATION THAT THIS IS NOT A QUASI-ADJUDICATIVE
7 PROCESS. YOU ARE TAKING EVIDENCE. TAKING TESTIMONY. PURPORTING
8 TO APPLY PROPOSITION "A" ON THE PROJECT AGREEMENT TO OUR
9 PROJECT, OUR APPROVED PROJECT ON THE WHITTIER HILLS. YOU HAVE
10 PROPOSED FINDINGS OF FACT. AND WE HAVE A SERIOUS DUE PROCESS
11 PROBLEM WHEN WE HAVE COUNTY STAFF PASSING OUT FLIERS TO HOLD
12 UP HERE IN THIS OPPOSITION TO THIS PROCESS. WE HAVE COUNTY
13 STAFF, AND WE'VE INCLUDED THE EMAIL TO USE PARK DISTRICT
14 EMPLOYEES TO ORGANIZE SPEAKERS IN OPPOSITIONS BEFORE THIS
15 PURPORTEDLY IMPARTIAL BOARD. WE THINK THIS IS A BIG PROBLEM
16 FURTHERMORE. THE PRESENTATION ON THE LEASE HERE IS NOT THE
17 PROJECT THAT HAS BEEN APPROVED. IT IGNORES THE APPROVED
18 PROJECT AND THE BENEFITS OF THAT PROJECT. IN PARTICULAR,
19 LOOKING AT THE SAPPHOS ENVIRONMENTAL PRESENTATION WE HAVE
20 DEPICTIONS OF OIL WELLS ALL OVER 1,280 ACRES. THAT'S NOT THE
21 CASE. IN FACT, THE ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS THAT WAS PROVIDED BY
22 SAPPHOS COMPLETELY IGNORES THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT,
23 REQUIREMENTS INCLUDING THAT THERE'S A CONSERVATION EASEMENT
24 PLACED OVER THE ENTIRE 1,260 ACRES, EXCLUDING THE 23 ACRES OF
25 THE PROPERTY USED FOR IN PROJECT, WHICH OF THAT 23 ACRES, 17



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1 OF THOSE ACRES ARE EXISTING ROADS THAT ARE OUT THERE RIGHT
2 NOW. ON TOP OF THAT, WE HAVE A DEPICTION IN ONE OF THE SLIDES
3 OF DOZENS OF OIL RIGS ON THE SEVEN ACRE PAD SITE; THE
4 CONDITIONAL USE SAYS YOU CAN ONLY HAVE ONE RIG OUT THERE AT A
5 TIME. THERE'S A DEPICTION OF WHAT THE OIL RIG LOOKS LIKE IN
6 THE OPEN SPACE. OF COURSE THERE'S A WHOLE SCREEN OF TREES IN
7 FRONT OF THAT THAT WE'RE REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN AND PLANT
8 ADDITIONAL SCREENING THAT COMPLETELY BLOCKS THAT VIEW. THE
9 PRESENTATION COMPLETELY MISREPRESENTS WHAT OUR PROJECT IS.
10 IT'S A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT PROJECT. AND AN ADDITIONAL ITEM,
11 WE HAVE THE SETTLEMENT WITH THE OPEN SPACE LEGAL DEFENSE FUND.
12 I NOTICE THEY HAVE SOME SPEAKERS HERE TODAY. BUT THEY
13 BARGAINED FOR AND RECEIVED AN AGREEMENT THAT WE WOULD NOT GO
14 BEYOND THAT SEVEN-ACRE PAD SITE. AND THAT INCLUDES THE
15 CONSERVATION EASEMENT AND INCLUDED A THIRD-PARTY GATEKEEPER,
16 HILLS FOR EVERYONE, THAT HAD TO APPROVE ANY CHANGES OR THE
17 ENTIRE REMAINING OPEN SPACE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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21 **JOHNNY JORDAN:** MY NAME IS JOHNNY JORDAN. I'M THE PRESIDENT OF
22 MATRIX OIL CORP. THIS IS A PROJECT THAT WILL CREATE THOUSANDS
23 OF JOBS, HIGH PAYING JOBS IN WHITTIER AND SURROUNDING
24 COMMUNITIES, CREATE BILLIONS OF DOLLARS FROM ROYALTIES IN
25 TAXES FOR THE STATE, WHITTIER, PUENTE HILLS HABITAT AUTHORITY,



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1 M.R.C.A. AND THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. ALL OF THIS FROM A
2 SEVEN-ACRE DRILL SITE TUCKED AWAY IN A CANYON OUT OF SIGHT
3 FROM HOUSES, WILL BARELY BE SEEN AT ALL AND WON'T BE HEARD AND
4 WITH VERY FEW IMPACTS. THESE MONEY PROVIDES CRITICALLY NEEDED
5 FUNDING TO SUPPORT THE ONGOING MANAGEMENT OF OPEN SPACE LANDS
6 IN WHITTIER AS WELL AS THOSE MANAGED BY M.R.C.A. FOR DECADES
7 TO COME. THIS MONEY WILL BE USED TO SUPPORT RESTORATION OF THE
8 ENVIRONMENT, CREATE MORE OPEN SPACE, ADD AND MAINTAIN PARKS,
9 CREATE MORE WILDLIFE HABITAT, SUPPORT WILDLIFE STUDIES,
10 SUPPORT SCHOOLS, POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS, CREATING SAFER
11 NEIGHBORHOODS AND PARKS AND MORE PARKS. I CANNOT PERCEIVE A
12 BETTER MODEL FOR A PROJECT IN ALL OF L.A. THAT IS MORE
13 CONFORMING TO THE SPIRIT OF PROP "A". AGAIN, THIS IS ONLY FROM
14 A SEVEN-ACRE DRILL SITE THAT CANNOT BE EXPANDED, WHICH IS
15 CONTRARY TO MISSTATEMENTS BY PROJECT OPPONENTS. I WANT TO
16 STRONGLY URGE EACH BOARD MEMBER TO PAUSE AND DO THEIR OWN
17 INVESTIGATION ONTO WHAT ACTIONS AND INACTIONS YOUR LEGAL
18 COUNSEL HAVE TAKEN SINCE 2008. TO LIST A FEW, THE COUNTY
19 COUNSEL STATED THAT THIS PROJECT IS ALLOWED UNDER PROP "A" AT
20 LEAST SIX TIMES IN DEMURRERS TO THE COURT. THE DISTRICT
21 APPROVED THE LEASE IN AUGUST 15TH, 2008 AND FOR OVER TWO YEARS
22 NO COMMENTS FROM THE DISTRICT OR COUNTY COUNSEL THAT THE
23 DISTRICT MUST CONSENT TO THE LEASE OR THAT WHITTIER HAS
24 OBTAINED THE DISTRICT'S CONSENT TO THIS LEASE. REASON BEING
25 THE DISTRICT HAD ALREADY APPROVED THIS LEASE.



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SIR, I'M GOING TO HAVE TO ASK
3 YOU TO CONCLUDE AND SUBMIT THE BALANCE OF YOUR TESTIMONY TO
4 THE SERGEANT FOR OUR REVIEW.

5

6 **JOHNNY JORDAN:** YES, SIR. I JUST WANT TO POINT OUT THAT THESE
7 THINGS DO HAVE CONSEQUENCES. THESE MEAN SOMETHING TO US AND
8 CLAYTON WILLIAMS. AND I APPRECIATE YOUR TIME TODAY.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** INDEED. THANK YOU FOR YOUR
11 TESTIMONY. WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER.

12

13 **JEFF KERNS:** HELLO. MY NAME IS JEFF KERNS, AND I'M A VICE
14 PRESIDENT AT MATRIX. AND IN REFERENCE TO ONE OF THE FIRST
15 TESTIMONIES, I, TOO, LIKE TO RIDE MY BIKE WHEREVER I CAN. THE
16 PROBLEM WAS: IF I SHOWED UP IN MY BIKE CLOTHES, THAT SEEMED
17 SOMEWHAT INAPPROPRIATE. THE POINT IS: ONCE IN A WHILE I NEED A
18 CAR. I JUST CAN'T AVOID THAT. I HAVE A LETTER HERE FROM A MR.
19 JAMES WEST WHO IS A C.E.O. OF P.I.H. HEALTH. WHAT P.I.H.
20 HEALTH DOES IS DELIVER HEALTH TO 1.5 MILLION L.A. COUNTY AND
21 ORANGE COUNTY RESIDENTS. THEREFORE I THINK HE HAS A FINGER ON
22 THE PULSE OF THE COUNTY, USING AN OVERWORKED METAPHOR BUT
23 APPROPRIATE. HE RESPECTFULLY ASKS THAT YOU APPROVE THIS
24 PROJECT BECAUSE HE'S DONE HIS HOMEWORK. AND HE KNOWS THAT IT'S
25 ONLY GOING TO IMPACT A VERY SMALL PERCENTAGE OF THE OPEN SPACE



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1 THAT WAS ALWAYS OIL FIELD. AND THAT'S WHY IT'S OPEN. AND THAT
2 IT WILL PROVIDE RELIABLE SOURCES OF FUNDS AFTER PROP "A"
3 EXPIRES TO DO PROP "A"'S WORK. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
6 WE'LL PROCEED TO THE NEXT SPEAKER.

7

8 **MICHAEL MCCASKEY:** MICHAEL MCCASKEY VICE PRESIDENT OF MATRIX
9 OIL. I THINK MANY OF PEOPLE IN THE AUDIENCE KNOW ME AND KNOW
10 THAT WE'RE PROUD OF THE RECORD IN THE COMMUNITY WITH THE
11 C.E.Q.A. PROCESS. TWO FULL E.I.R.S TO ANALYZE THE PROJECT WITH
12 COMMUNITY INPUT TO APPROPRIATELY SIZE THE PROJECT RELATIVE TO
13 GOALS AT MAINTAINING BOTH DEVELOPMENT GOALS FOR US AND
14 ENVIRONMENTAL GOALS IN PRESERVATION OF THE HABITAT THERE. THE
15 C.U.P. PROCESS PLACED 90 CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL ON THE PROJECT
16 TO DRILL FROM ONE 7-ACRE SPOT. WE'RE NOT ALLOWED TO MOVE THE
17 DRILL RIG AROUND. THERE'S OVER 1,000 ACTION ITEMS RELATIVE TO
18 MITIGATION AND COMPLIANCE WITH ALL COMMUNITY REGULATIONS AND
19 ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS. I'D BE HAPPY TO SIT DOWN WITH ANY OF
20 THE SUPERVISORS' STAFF TO REVIEW THE PROJECT AND ANSWER ANY
21 QUESTIONS.

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23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
24 SIR?

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1 **JOE PAQUETTE:** MY NAME IS JOE PAQUETTE, I'M WITH MATRIX OIL.
2 IT'S APPARENT TO ME THAT THIS IS A COMPLEX ISSUE. IT'S TAKEN A
3 LONG TIME TO GET TO THIS POINT, YEARS. AND THERE'S A LOT OF
4 PASSION FROM A LOT OF COMMUNITY MEMBERS, AND I APPRECIATE
5 BEING ABLE TO SPEAK WITH YOU TODAY. THE AMOUNT OF
6 MISINFORMATION SURROUNDING THIS PROJECT IS SIGNIFICANT. AND I
7 URGE THIS BOARD TO PLEASE DIG INTO MORE OF THE DETAILS OF WHAT
8 THE APPROVED PROJECT IS FROM THE CITY OF WHITTIER AND WHAT IS
9 IN THE C.U.P. THE ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT AND S.A.P. REPORT
10 THAT'S BEFORE YOU I BELIEVE HAS MANY ERRORS IN IT. THE
11 "BLANKETING THE HILLSIDES WITH NUMEROUS WELLS" IS NOT EVEN
12 REMOTELY CORRECT. ALL THE FACILITIES, ALL THE WELLS,
13 EVERYTHING NEEDED TO AFFECT THIS PROJECT WOULD BE LIMITED TO
14 SEVEN ACRES. AND I THINK THAT'S SIGNIFICANT. THANK YOU FOR
15 YOUR TIME.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
18 LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, WE ARE BARELY HALFWAY THROUGH. YOU MIGHT
19 WANT TO STAND AND STRETCH FOR A SECOND IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DO
20 SO, YOU ARE SO AFFORDED THE OPPORTUNITY. ONE OF THE MEMBERS OF
21 THE BOARD DID WANT TO POSE A QUESTION. THE CHAIR WILL PERMIT
22 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN, THE GENTLEMAN WHO
25 SPOKE, THE FIRST GENTLEMAN ON THAT LAST PANEL, I DON'T RECALL



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1 HIS NAME, HE'S SITTING THERE. I'D LIKE TO ASK YOU TO COME BACK
2 UP HERE. SIR, COULD YOU COME BACK UP HERE? I HAD A COUPLE
3 QUESTIONS I WANTED TO ASK. THANK YOU. RESTATE YOUR NAME SO I
4 KNOW IT.

5

6 **JORDAN BORDER:** MY NAME IS JORDAN BORDER.

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8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND YOU REPRESENT?

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10 **JORDAN BORDER:** MATRIX OIL AND CLAYTON WILLIAMS ENERGY INC.

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12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DO YOU BELIEVE THAT THE OIL COMPANY OR THE
13 CITY OF WHITTIER OR BOTH HAD A RESPONSIBILITY TO SEEK THE
14 APPROVAL OF THE OPEN SPACE DISTRICT AND THIS BOARD OF
15 SUPERVISORS BEFORE COMMENCING THIS DEAL OR ENTERING INTO THIS
16 DEAL?

17

18 **JORDAN BORDER:** I THINK THERE'S TWO PARTS TO THE ANSWER TO THAT
19 QUESTION. THE FIRST ANSWER IS THE LEGISLATION THAT ENABLED THE
20 CREATION OF THE PROP "A" DISTRICT SPECIFICALLY PROSCRIBED
21 THOSE DISTRICT'S ABILITY TO INTERFERE WITH LAND USE CONTROL OF
22 OTHER CITIES OR DISTRICTS WITHIN THE LARGER REGIONAL DISTRICT
23 UNLESS YOU HAD A WRITTEN AUTHORIZATION, A CONSENT FROM BOTH
24 THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE DISTRICT.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU'RE NOT ANSWERING MY QUESTION. JUST
2 ANSWER YES OR NO, IF YOU CAN ANSWER YES OR NO, DO YOU BELIEVE
3 THAT YOUR COMPANY HAD A RESPONSIBILITY AT SOME POINT IN THIS
4 PROCESS TO SEEK THE APPROVAL OF THIS OPEN SPACE DISTRICT FOR
5 WHAT YOU WANTED TO DO?

6

7 **JORDAN BORDER:** NO. BECAUSE THE CITY OF WHITTIER AND THE
8 DISTRICT HAS MAINTAINED THIS THROUGHOUT. IT'S THE CITY OF
9 WHITTIER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO DO THAT. FURTHERMORE, BEFORE THE
10 ISSUE WENT OUT TO BID, BEFORE IT WAS PROPOSED, BEFORE WHITTIER
11 SOLICITED REQUESTS FOR PROPOSAL ON AUGUST 26TH, 2008 IN THE
12 MONTHS BEFORE THAT PURSUANT TO THE PROJECT AGREEMENT WHICH
13 REQUIRED DISTRICT REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF PROPOSED LEASES, BY
14 THE PROJECT AGREEMENT THAT MEANS THE DISTRICT STAFF, NOT THE
15 COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ACTING AS ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
16 IN THE MONTHS BEFORE AUGUST 26, 2008 WHEN WHITTIER PUT THIS
17 OUT TO BID, THEY CIRCULATED THE LANGUAGE OF THE LEASE TO
18 DISTRICT STAFF, TO COUNTY COUNSEL, COUNTY COUNSEL HAD INPUT
19 INTO THAT LEASE AND APPROVED THE LEASE AND DIRECTED WHITTIER -
20 -

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOUR ARGUMENT IS THAT THE STAFF ACTING ON
23 BEHALF OF THE OPEN SPACE DISTRICT HAD THE AUTHORITY TO APPROVE
24 THE OPEN SPACE DISTRICT'S CONSENT, TO GRANT THE OPEN SPACE
25 DISTRICT'S CONSENT FOR THE OIL DRILLING? THAT THE BOARD OF



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1 DIRECTORS OF THE OPEN SPACE DISTRICT, NAMELY THE FIVE OF US,
2 ARE JUST A POTTED PLANT, IS THAT WHAT YOU'RE SAYING?

3

4 **JORDAN BORDER:** THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT THE PROJECT AGREEMENT
5 DIRECTS WHITTIER TO DO. AND IN FACT AND INDEED WITH OTHER
6 COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN WHITTIER AND THE OPEN SPACE DISTRICT
7 WITH OTHER ISSUES SURROUNDING WHITTIER'S PROP "A" PROPERTY,
8 THAT IS EXACTLY WHAT HAS HAPPENED IN THE PAST.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I JUST-- LAST QUESTION, MR. CHAIRMAN. I KNOW
11 YOU'RE TRYING TO KEEP THIS MOVING AND YOU'RE DOING A GOOD JOB
12 AND I'M GOING TO TRY TO HELP YOU OUT. BUT LAST QUESTION I
13 WANTED TO ASK YOU. HAS THERE BEEN A NUMBER OF OCCASIONS WHEN
14 BOTH THE CITY OF WHITTIER AND YOUR OIL COMPANY MATRIX HAVE
15 ARGUED THAT THIS DISTRICT, THE OPEN SPACE DISTRICT, WOULD LOSE
16 ITS RIGHT TO REVIEW THE LEASE AS EARLY AS NOVEMBER 8, 2013,
17 AND NO LATER THAN JUNE 20, 2015? AND THOSE REPRESENTATIONS
18 HAVE BEEN MADE RELATIVELY RECENTLY.

19

20 **JORDAN BORDER:** YES.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HOW DO YOU RECONCILE YOUR COMPANY'S
23 STATEMENTS ON THAT FRONT WITH WHAT YOU JUST SAID? HOW WOULD
24 WE, ONE LAST QUESTION, THEN YOU CAN HAVE THE FLOOR. HOW WOULD
25 WE REVIEW THIS PROJECT ABSENT A HEARING LIKE THIS?



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2 **JORDAN BORDER:** WELL, OKAY, TO BEGIN WITH, YOUR FIRST QUESTION.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** GO AHEAD.

5

6 **JORDAN BORDER:** UNDER THE PROJECT AGREEMENT, THE CONTRACTED
7 RIGHT TO REVIEW AND APPROVE PROPOSED AND EXISTING LEASES EXIST
8 FOR A PERIOD OF 20 YEARS FROM THE DATE OF EXECUTION. THAT
9 PROJECT AGREEMENT WAS EXECUTED NOVEMBER 9, 1993. THE 20-YEAR
10 CONTRACTUAL RIGHT, WHICH IS THE ONLY RIGHT THAT THE DISTRICT
11 OBTAINED THROUGH THIS LITIGATION, EXPIRES NOVEMBER 8, 2013.
12 SECONDLY, THE CONTRACT ITSELF, THE PROJECT AGREEMENT BETWEEN
13 THE DISTRICT AND WHITTIER EXPIRES BY ITS OWN TERMS ON JUNE 30,
14 2015. COUNTY COUNSEL MAY NOT HAVE MENTIONED THE FACT THAT THE
15 INJUNCTION STOPPING THE PROJECT ENDS ON JUNE 30, 2015.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MY QUESTION TO YOU WAS: HOW WOULD THE OPEN
18 SPACE DISTRICT HAVE REVIEWED YOUR PROJECT ABSENT A HEARING
19 SUCH AS THIS?

20

21 **JORDAN BORDER:** WELL, WHAT THE DISTRICT HAD SUGGESTED IN ITS
22 COURT FILINGS WAS THAT WHITTIER MAKE A WRITTEN REQUEST TO THE
23 OPEN SPACE DISTRICT TO MAKE THAT, TO HAVE THAT REVIEW. AND FOR
24 MORE THAN FOUR YEARS UNTIL THE DISTRICT SUED WHITTIER ONE YEAR
25 AGO, WHITTIER HAD REPEATEDLY MADE THOSE REQUESTS. AND THE



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1 DISTRICT HAD REFUSED TO TAKE IT UP. THE RECORD IS REplete WITH
2 REQUESTS FOR THE DISTRICT TO REVIEW THIS.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WE ARE TAKING IT UP NOW. WHERE IS THE CITY
5 OF WHITTIER?

6

7 **JORDAN BORDER:** WELL, THE PROBLEM IS THAT THERE'S NO REQUEST
8 FOR THE DISTRICT TO TAKE IT UP RIGHT NOW. AND THERE'S
9 JURISDICTIONAL PROBLEMS.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO YOU'RE SAYING THAT WE HAVE A RIGHT TO
12 REVIEW IT. AND WE BETTER DO IT BEFORE NOVEMBER 8TH. BUT WE CAN
13 ONLY DO IT IF THE CITY OF WHITTIER MAKES A REQUEST TO BE HEARD
14 ON IT. AND IF THEY DON'T MAKE A REQUEST TO BE HEARD ON IT,
15 THEN WE HAVE NO ABILITY TO OPINE ON THIS AND TO REVIEW IT AND
16 TO CONDUCT A HEARING OF THIS TYPE. I FIND IT BIZARRE THAT
17 BASICALLY WHAT YOU'RE ARGUING AND WHAT THE CITY OF WHITTIER IS
18 ARGUING -- AND THE COURT CASES ARE NOT OVER, AS YOU WELL, WELL
19 KNOW -- WHAT YOU'RE ARGUING IS -- THERE'S SOMETHING IN WHAT
20 YOU'RE SAYING THAT SUGGESTS THAT PROP "A" ONLY LASTS FOR 20
21 YEARS. THE FUNDING REVENUES ONLY LAST, MAY LAST FOR 20 YEARS.
22 THE OPEN SPACE COMMITMENT THAT WAS MADE TO THE PEOPLE IN
23 EXCHANGE FOR THEIR VOTE TO APPROVE THIS REVENUE STREAM WAS
24 THAT THE OPEN SPACE WOULD BE IN PERPETUITY. [APPLAUSE.]
25 PLEASE, PLEASE. THAT "IN PERPETUITY" LANGUAGE IS NOT -- DOES



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1 NOT GET CUT OFF IN 2015 OR 2075 OR IN 2115. IN PERPETUITY
2 MEANS IN PERPETUITY. AND THE NOTION THAT SOME BODY, SOME
3 BUSINESS CAN COME IN AND CUT A DEAL AROUND THE OPEN SPACE
4 DISTRICT AND CUT SOME KIND OF A REAL ESTATE DEAL OR BUSINESS
5 DEAL AND THUS FRUSTRATE THE INTENT OF THE PROPOSITION, BOTH
6 PROPOSITION "A" OF '92 AND '96 STANDS LOGIC ON ITS HEAD. SO, I
7 MEAN, I'VE READ EVERYTHING YOU'VE SENT OR YOUR REPRESENTATIVES
8 HAVE SENT. I'VE READ EVERYTHING, THE 20-PAGE STUFF I GOT HERE
9 THIS MORNING, WHICH WE'VE READ. I'VE READ IT ALL. AND WHAT IT
10 REALLY COMES DOWN TO IS YOU DON'T THINK YOU NEED TO COMPLY
11 WITH THE RULES AS ESTABLISHED BY THE PROPOSITION. AND YOU'RE
12 EVEN INCONSISTENT ON THE QUESTION OF WHETHER WE HAVE A RIGHT
13 TO HAVE THIS HEARING. YOU'RE SAYING WE INVENTED THIS HEARING.
14 WE'VE CREATED IT OUT OF WHOLE CLOTH, MY WORDS, NOT YOURS. THAT
15 THIS HAS NO FORCE AND EFFECT ON ANYBODY. YET ON THE OTHER SIDE
16 OF YOUR MOUTHS, YOU'RE SAYING YOU HAVE UNTIL NOVEMBER 8TH TO
17 OPINE ON THIS THING OR YOU LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO DO IT, WITHY WE
18 DON'T AGREE WITH, BY THE WAY. WE DON'T THINK IT CUTS OFF
19 NOVEMBER 8TH. BUT LET'S STIPULATE THAT YOU'RE RIGHT ON THAT
20 ONE, HERE WE ARE ON OCTOBER 28TH. AND YOU'RE SAYING WE HAVE NO
21 RIGHT TO DO THIS. I JUST, ANYWAY, THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME THE
22 TIME.

23

24 **JORDAN BORDER:** WELL, HOLD ON -- [APPLAUSE.]

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1 **JORDAN BORDER:** I RESPECTFULLY DISAGREE WITH YOUR TAKE ON THIS.
2 I THINK YOU'RE PUTTING WORDS INTO MY MOUTH. AND, FRANKLY, WHAT
3 MY POINT WAS IS -- AND THIS HAS BEEN THE DISTRICT'S POINT ALL
4 ALONG, IN FACT, THE NOTICE THAT WAS SENT OUT TO WHITTIER
5 SOMETIME AT THE END OF AUGUST WAS NOT DIRECTED TO MATRIX, IT
6 WAS DIRECTED TO THE DISTRICT. OVER AND OVER AND OVER AGAIN THE
7 DISTRICT SAID IT'S WHITTIER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO TAKE SOME SORT
8 OF ACTION. OVER AND OVER AGAIN. THAT'S THE RULES THE DISTRICT
9 MADE.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I UNDERSTAND. YOU AND WHITTIER ARE JOINED AT
12 THE HIP. AND YOU WOULDN'T DENY THAT, WOULD YOU? [APPLAUSE.]

13

14 **JORDAN BORDER:** HOLD ON. I WOULDN'T SAY OUR INTERESTS ARE
15 ALWAYS EXACTLY ALIGNED. ANOTHER THING. WHAT I'M SAYING IS THE
16 DISTRICT STAFF REVIEWED AND APPROVED THE LEASE BEFORE IT WENT
17 OUT TO BID. THAT'S WHAT I'M SAYING. THE ONLY ISSUE THAT WAS
18 RESERVED FOR DISTRICT CONSENT AND FOR BOARD CONSENT WAS THE
19 REIMBURSEMENT FORMULA. AND THEN THERE'S A SECONDARY ISSUE ON
20 HOW TO USE REVENUES, ROYALTIES GENERATED BY THE PROJECT. THOSE
21 WERE THE TWO AREAS THAT REQUIRED SOME SORT OF BOARD ACTION AS
22 STATED BY THE DISTRICT IN THE DISTRICT'S DIRECTION. AGAIN
23 THAT'S AN ISSUE BETWEEN WHITTIER AND THE DISTRICT FOR
24 RESOLUTION. AS FAR AS THE LEASE GOES, IT WAS APPROVED BEFORE
25 IT WAS EVER PUT OUT FOR BID AND EVER SIGNED. SECONDARILY, THIS



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1 PROJECT WAS APPROVAL MOST TWO YEARS AGO, NOVEMBER 28, 2011. AS
2 YOU CORRECTLY POINTED OUT, THERE IS STILL LITIGATION GOING ON
3 WITH THIS, FRANKLY, IF YOU WANT TO KNOW OUR POSITION AS FAR AS
4 THAT LITIGATION IS CONCERNED, IS THAT THE DISTRICT'S CLAIMS
5 ARE COMPLETELY TIME BARRED BECAUSE --

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SHOCKING.

8

9 **JORDAN BORDER:** WE DISAGREE. BUT I WANT TO FAIRLY STATE MY
10 POSITION.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WE KNOW YOUR POSITION. YOU KNOW OURS.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** I'M GOING TO HAVE TO ASK YOU TO
15 CONCLUDE. IT IS NOW 12:20. NOW SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH WISHES TO
16 WEIGH IN. I WAS GOING TO RECOMMEND THAT SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY
17 AND THE WITNESS TAKE THIS UP OVER LUNCH, BUT NOW THAT
18 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH WISHES TO BE HEARD, I'M FULLY WELL
19 COGNIZANT OF THE FACT THAT THERE IS A CROWD. SO GO AHEAD,
20 SUPERVISOR.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE HAVE OVER I GUESS 20,000 ACRES OF OPEN
23 SPACE, MOST OF THAT HAS BEEN IN MY DISTRICT. THAT OPEN SPACE
24 AGREEMENT AND AGREEMENTS HAVE BEEN DONE WITH TOWN COUNCILS,
25 CITY COUNCILS AND COMMUNITY GROUPS. THE PROBLEM I HAVE WITH



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1 THIS PROPOSAL BEFORE US TODAY IS IF YOU'RE GRANTED A DEVIATION
2 FROM PROP "A", THEN ALL OF THE OTHER OPEN SPACE AGREEMENTS
3 THAT WE HAVE MADE, AND THAT WAS FOR A LIFETIME, NOT A TIME
4 FRAME, WOULD THEN BE VIOLATED. AND I DON'T UNDERSTAND YOU'RE
5 OPENING UP PANDORA'S BOX IF WE ALLOW AN EXCEPTION FOR WHITTIER
6 AND DENY ALL THE OTHERS. YOU'RE GOING TO MAKE THE OTHER PROP
7 "A" AGREEMENTS VULNERABLE TO FUTURE ATTACKS, BE IT FOR
8 WHATEVER INTEREST COMES UP FOR THAT. AND THAT'S THE PROBLEM
9 THAT WE HAVE. YOU'RE CREATING A CASE LAW THAT'S GOING TO HAVE
10 DETRIMENTAL IMPACTS COUNTY-WIDE AND STATE-WIDE BECAUSE OF
11 OTHER COUNTIES HAVE SIMILAR PROPOSITIONS FOR OPEN SPACE. THOSE
12 WOULD ALSO BE VULNERABLE TO FUTURE COURT CHALLENGES. AND
13 THAT'S PROBLEM I HAVE IN SAYING THAT WE OUGHT TO MAKE AN
14 EXCEPTION FOR WHITTIER BECAUSE YOU CAN'T MAKE AN EXCEPTION FOR
15 WHITTIER WITHOUT VIOLATING ALL THE OTHER AGREEMENTS THAT WE
16 HAVE IN OUR COUNTY.

17

18 **JORDAN BORDER:** MAY I RESPOND?

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YES, WE'RE GOING TO ASK YOU TO
21 RESPOND TO SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH IN SUMMARY ACTION. MEMBERS OF
22 THE BOARD, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER
23 APPRISES ME OF THE FACT THAT WE HAVE SOME 22 ADDITIONAL ITEMS
24 TO BE TAKEN UP TODAY. AND WE HAVE WELL OVER 60 PEOPLE WISHING
25 TO BE HEARD JUST ON THIS ITEM. I SIMPLY CALL THAT TO YOUR



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1 ATTENTION. AND I WOULD TRUST THAT YOUR COMMENTS WOULD BE
2 GOVERNED ACCORDINGLY. SIR?

3

4 **JORDAN BORDER:** OKAY. INITIALLY I'D LIKE TO SAY I'M NOT SURE
5 WHAT THE SOURCE OF THIS PROPOSAL BEFORE YOU TODAY IS ONCE
6 AGAIN BECAUSE IT CERTAINLY DIDN'T COME FROM MATRIX OR FROM
7 WHITTIER AS FAR AS I CAN TELL.

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** DIVINE INTERVENTION. GO AHEAD.
10 PROCEED.

11

12 **JORDAN BORDER:** BUT WITH RESPECT TO YOUR PARTICULAR QUESTION
13 WITH THESE PROP "A" PROJECT AGREEMENTS AND PROPOSITION "A"
14 ITSELF, THE PROPOSITION "A" SECTION 16 B PROVIDES A MECHANISM
15 BY WHICH LANDS ACQUIRED WITH THE PROPOSITION "A" GRANT ARE
16 HELD IN PERPETUITY IS WHAT THAT REQUIRES IS IF YOU BUY
17 PROPERTY IN 1995 AND YOU SELL THAT PROPERTY IN 2015, THE FAIR
18 MARKET VALUE OF THAT PROPERTY IS USED TO PURCHASE OTHER
19 PROPERTIES. SO YOU NEVER HAVE A NET LOSS OF PROPERTY. THAT'S A
20 REQUIREMENT IMPOSED BY PROPOSITION "A". SO YOU DON'T ACTUALLY
21 LOSE PROPOSITION "A", YOU MAINTAIN AND POSSIBLY EXPAND, IF
22 WORKING CONDITIONS ARE CORRECT, ARE RIGHT THE TOTAL NET
23 ACREAGE OF PROPOSITION "A" LANDS. ON TOP OF THAT, WITH THIS
24 PROJECT AND ITS APPROVAL AND THE CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL
25 INCLUDE BASICALLY AN EXTRA ONE PERCENT ROYALTY ON TOP OF THE



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1 ROYALTY AGREEMENT WITH WHITTIER THAT'S DEDICATED TO A 15
2 MILLION DOLLAR LAND ACQUISITION FUND TO GO OUT AND PURCHASE
3 OTHER OPEN SPACE PROPERTIES IN THE CITY OF WHITTIER. WE ALSO
4 HAVE THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE OPEN SPACE GROUP, THOSE
5 LAWSUITS, WHICH REQUIRE US TO GO OUT AND GET ANOTHER 17.1
6 ACRES. MY POINT BEING IS THAT YOU CERTAINLY HAVE A 4,000 ACRE
7 GRANT APPLICATION. OF THAT, THERE'S 3,800-ACRE PRESERVE
8 MANAGED BY THE HABITAT AUTHORITY. AND WE'RE TALKING ABOUT
9 TAKING 20 ACRES OUT OF PROP "A" AND REPLACING IT WITH HUNDREDS
10 OF ACRES.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT YOU'RE STILL VIOLATING PROPOSITION "A"
13 OPEN SPACE THAT WOULD IMPACT OTHER AGREEMENTS THAT WE HAVE
14 COUNTY-WIDE. AND I DON'T CARE WHAT THE, YOU KNOW, WHAT TYPE OF
15 PROJECT THAT YOU WOULD RATIONALIZE THAT EVERYBODY COULD AGREE
16 WITH, WHEN YOU FINE, YOU OUGHT TO DO THAT ON OTHER PROPERTIES,
17 NOT THE THAT PARCEL WHICH IS A VIOLATION OF PROP A AGREEMENTS
18 THAT WE HAVE MADE THROUGHOUT THIS COUNTY WITH OTHER
19 JURISDICTIONS.

20

21 **JORDAN BORDER:** I RESPECTFULLY DISAGREE BECAUSE OF THE
22 MECHANISM IN PLACE IN THOSE AGREEMENTS IN PROPOSITION "A"
23 ITSELF TO MAINTAIN PROPOSITION "A"-PROTECTED PROPERTY IN
24 PERPETUITY. AND REPLACE THAT PROPERTY.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IF YOU WERE SUCCESSFUL, THEN WE WOULD HAVE TO
2 HAVE AN ORDINANCE THAT WOULD STATE THAT ALL OF THE PROP "A"
3 AGREEMENTS THAT WE HAVE MADE IN THE PAST, ALL THE AGREEMENT WE
4 HAD MADE WITH THE COMMUNITIES AND THE TOWN COUNCILS AND THE
5 CITIES AND THE CITIZENS WOULD NEVER BE VIOLATED WITH ANY TYPE
6 OF LEGAL SHENANIGANS THAT WOULD TAKE PLACE IN THE FUTURE.
7 WOULD THAT BE POSSIBLE TO DO? IF THE COURT WOULD RULE A
8 VIOLATION TO ACCEPT THIS VIOLATION IN WHITTIER?

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10 **JORDAN BORDER:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, I DON'T THINK SO. I
11 DON'T THINK THAT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE. PLUS I JUST WOULD ADD
12 THAT THE CHARACTERIZATION OF THE PROPOSITION AND THE 16B AND
13 EVERYTHING THAT WE WERE JUST HEARING FROM MR.--

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15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHY WOULDN'T THE OTHER PROP "A" AGREEMENTS BE
16 SUBJECT TO FUTURE --

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18 **JORDAN BORDER:** I THINK YOU'RE CORRECT. THAT IF WE ALLOWED IT
19 HERE, IT WOULD -- YES, ABSOLUTELY.

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IF THE COURT RULED IN THEIR FAVOR, THEN WE
22 WOULD HAVE TO HAVE ANOTHER ORDINANCE, WHATEVER, TO SAY THAT
23 THE AGREEMENTS THAT WE PREVIOUSLY MADE WOULD REMAIN FOR A
24 LIFETIME.

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1 **JORDAN BORDER:** YES. IF THE COURT RULED IN THEIR FAVOR, IT
2 WOULD BE A HARSH PRECEDENT. AND WE WOULD HAVE TO FIGURE OUT,
3 PERHAPS AN ORDINANCE, TO LOCK IN PLACE THE EXISTING PROP "A"
4 AGREEMENTS.

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU.

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8 **SUP. KNABE:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I JUST WANT TO ADD. THE REQUEST CAME
9 FROM COUNTY COUNSEL TO HAVE THIS HEARING. THE REQUEST TO HAVE
10 THIS HEARING CAME FROM COUNTY COUNSEL.

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12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. FOR THE RECORD,
13 A.K.A. DIVINE INTERVENTION. ALL RIGHT. SIR, WE'RE APPRECIATIVE
14 OF YOUR TIME AND YOUR TESTIMONY. WE TRUST THAT YOU'VE BEEN
15 ABLE TO ANSWER THE QUESTIONS AS COMPLETELY AS YOU WOULD HAVE
16 PREFERRED; IF NOT, I'M SURE THERE'S ANOTHER VENUE IN WHICH YOU
17 WILL COMPLETELY EXHAUST YOUR THOUGHTS ON THE MATTER. THANK YOU
18 VERY MUCH.

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20 **JORDAN BORDER:** FAIR ENOUGH. THANK YOU.

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22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** INDEED. ALL RIGHT, I HAVE SOME
23 INTERESTING NEWS FOR YOU. WE WORKED OUR WAY, THE EXECUTIVE
24 OFFICER INDICATES THAT WE HAVE HEARD FROM HOW MANY PEOPLE UP
25 TO THIS POINT? DON'T BE BASHFUL. PLEASE SPEAK INTO THE



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1 MICROPHONE SO EVERYBODY UNDERSTANDS THAT MY MATH IS NOT AS BAD
2 AS YOU THINK. GO AHEAD.

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4 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** FORTY.

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6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** FORTY, AND HOW MANY PERSONS DO
7 WE HAVE REMAINING?

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9 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** NINETY.

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11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALRIGHT, NOW I SEEK NOT TO MANIPULATE THE
12 PROCESS, BUT I AM INTENDING TO EXHAUST YOU. PALMS UP HERE.
13 LET'S SEE IF WE CAN'T MOVE THE PROCESS FORWARD. I THINK
14 THERE'S A READINESS ON THE PART OF THE BOARD TO DISPOSE OF THE
15 MATTER. AND TO THE EXTENT THAT THAT IS THE CASE, I'M GOING TO
16 CALL THE NAMES OF THE INDIVIDUALS. AND IF YOU ARE WILLING JUST
17 SIMPLY TO RISE AND BE ACKNOWLEDGED, YOU'VE INDICATED, WHETHER
18 YOU ARE IN OPPOSITION OR NOT. AND WE'RE HOPEFUL THAT THAT WILL
19 SUFFICE. IF IT DOES NOT, YOU DO HAVE IF RIGHT AND THE
20 OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD BY VIRTUE OF THE FACT THAT YOU HAVE
21 REQUESTED IT. AND SO I'M CALLING NOW MIGUEL GARCIA. DO YOU
22 WISH TO BE HEARD OR YOU'RE IN OPPOSITION? COME FORWARD. OR
23 YOU'RE SETTING A BAD EXAMPLE. [LAUGHTER.] LYNN PLAMBECK? LYNN?
24 WHERE'S LYNN? ALL RIGHT. LYNN AND MIGUEL ARE COCONSPIRATORS.
25 THANK YOU. JOHN ARBELAEZ? JOHN? WE'LL GIVE YOU A BIG ROUND OF



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1 APPLAUSE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SHEILA HARTFIELD. THANK YOU.
2 SHEILA, SHE'S IN OPPOSITION. THAT WILL BE NOTED. GARY GLESS?
3 I'M SORRY? ALL RIGHT. COME FORWARD. MARGOT REEG MARGOT, YOUR
4 PLEASURE? ALL RIGHT. PLEASE COME FORWARD. YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE
5 HEARD, MARGOT? SHE PASSES. THANK YOU SO MUCH. NO, YOU DO WISH
6 TO BE HEARD? SUPERVISOR MOLINA AND SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH,
7 DON'T TRY TO MISLEAD ME. I'M TRYING TO DRIVE THIS TRUCK HERE.
8 ALL RIGHT. [LAUGHTER.] JOAN LICARI, JOAN?

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10 **JOAN LICARI:** I'LL PASS.

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12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SHE'S IN
13 OPPOSITION, BUT SHE CHOOSES TO PASS. RUTH KADOTA? THANK YOU.
14 AND YOU'RE IN OPPOSITION, IS THAT CORRECT? THANK YOU. BILL
15 MILLER? BILL? ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. IT IS SO NOTED
16 ON HIS REQUEST TO SPEAK. LAUREN STEINER, LAUREN? DO YOU WISH
17 TO SPEAK? COME FORWARD. OSCAR SALMERON. OSCAR? ALL RIGHT. SO
18 YOU WILL SUBMIT YOUR DOCUMENT FOR THE FOR THE RECORD. THANK
19 YOU. THAT'S AN OPTION. OSCAR'S AN INNOVATOR. THANK YOU VERY
20 MUCH. DOROTHY REIK? DOROTHY? YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE HEARD?
21 PLEASE COME FORWARD IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE HEARD. DAVE
22 COWARDIN? DAVE IS NO LONGER HERE? THANK YOU. PAULA VALLE?
23 WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE HEARD? ALL RIGHT. LORRY KENNEDY? ALL
24 RIGHT. SHE'S OPPOSED BUT SHE WILL SUBMIT HER DOCUMENT. THANK
25 YOU. BRUCE CAMPBELL? BRUCE? (OFF MIC COMMENT).



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. I THINK YOU
3 DID JUST SPEAK. THANK YOU. STEVE MATHER. VERY CLEVER, YEAH?
4 [LAUGHTER.] ALL RIGHT. YOU WILL SUBMIT YOUR DOCUMENT BUT
5 YOU'RE IN OPPOSITION. CAROL BUTCHER? CAROL? ANDREA GORDON?
6 JOHN MCFARLAND? ALL RIGHT. IN OPPOSITION. THANK YOU. ALL
7 RIGHT, PETE, COME FORWARD. JAMES AREHART? YOU WISH TO BE
8 HEARD? SHARELYNN REYES? YOU WISH TO WISH TO BE HEARD? COME
9 FORWARD. YVONNE WATSON. URSULA BELL. JOHN? COME FORWARD. IF
10 YOU LIKE TO BE HEARD, COME FORWARD. OH MY GOODNESS. LARRY
11 HOLT? ALL RIGHT. COME FORWARD. PATRICIA LUND? LUCINDA HALLEY?
12 PLEASE COME FORWARD, MA'AM. BRENDA JOHN, PLEASE COME FORWARD
13 IF YOU WISH TO BE HEARD. IRENE MURO? IRENE WISHES TO BE
14 RECORDED IN OPPOSITION. THANK YOU. ELANA MEDELLIN? PLEASE COME
15 FORWARD. LANCE SIMMENS? YOU WISH TO BE HEARD? COME FORWARD.
16 DAMIEN LUZZO. COME FORWARD. THE LAST SEVERAL PEOPLE ARE ON BAD
17 BEHAVIOR. JAN SANDGREN, REDEEM THEM PLEASE? UH-OH. ALL RIGHT.
18 THANK YOU SO MUCH. [LAUGHTER.] JOHN BEYNON? JOHN, DO YOU WISH
19 TO BE HEARD? THERE'S A TREND HERE. GEORGE POOCHIGIAN? ALL
20 RIGHT. COME FORWARD. PATRICIA MCPHERSON? ALL RIGHT. YOU MAY BE
21 HEARD. PATRICIA LOPEZ? YOU'RE PASSING? I'M SORRY? ALL RIGHT.
22 IN OPPOSITION. WE THANK YOU. WE CELEBRATE YOU. WE LIFT YOU UP.
23 ALL RIGHT. PAUL FERRAZZI.

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25 **PAUL FERRAZZI:** I WISH TO BE HEARD.



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. COME FORWARD. NO
3 APOLOGY NECESSARY. WE'VE GOTTEN THROUGH THE LIST. YOU HAVE 60
4 SECONDS. YOU OBVIOUSLY UNDERSTAND THE TIME CONSTRAINTS UNDER
5 WHICH WE ARE OPERATING. WE RESPECT YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO BE
6 HEARD. THE FLOOR IS YOURS. PLEASE PROCEED, SIR.

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8 **MIGUEL GARCIA:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH AND GOOD AFTERNOON TO ALL
9 OF YOU. I LIVE IN WHITTIER.

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11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YOUR NAME.

12

13 **MIGUEL GARCIA:** MIGUEL GARCIA. I'VE BEEN IN WHITTIER SINCE
14 1987. I SAY HELLO TO YOU, ESPECIALLY SUPERVISOR MOLINA AND
15 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. I HAVEN'T SEEN SINCE ABOUT 30 YEARS.
16 VERY SIMPLY, WE'RE HERE BECAUSE OF THE ARROGANCE OF THE
17 WHITTIER CITY COUNCIL. WE STILL HAVE BEAUTIFUL WALKING AND
18 HIKING TRAILS IN WHITTIER. AND BY YOUR VOTE TODAY, PLEASE,
19 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, TELL THE WHITTIER CITY COUNCIL TO TAKE A
20 HIKE.

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22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. [LAUGHTER.]
23 MA'AM?

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1 **LYNN PLAMBECK:** LYNN PLAMBECK, SANTA CLARITA ORGANIZATION FOR
2 PLANNING AND THE ENVIRONMENT. WE'RE IN THE NORTHERN L.A.
3 COUNTY AREA, MR. ANTONOVICH'S, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S
4 DISTRICT. THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. THAT'S
5 WHAT I CAME DOWN HERE ON BEHALF OF MY ORGANIZATION TO SAY
6 TODAY WAS THAT IF YOU ALLOW THIS TO HAPPEN IN WHITTIER, THAT
7 IT COULD HAPPEN ANYWHERE. OUR GROUP WORKED REALLY HARD TO GET
8 PROP "A" PASSED IN 1992 AND IT WAS NOT TO PUT OIL WELLS ON
9 PARKS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONCERNS OVER
10 THIS. AND WE MAKE COALITIONS WITH THOSE KEEP OUR PROP "A"
11 SAFE. THANK YOU.

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13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, THE FLOOR IS YOURS.

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15 **GARY GLESS:** I'M GARY GLESS, CITIZENS COALITION FOR SAFE
16 COMMUNITY.

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18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** HOLD ON, SIR. (GAVEL) LADIES AND
19 GENTLEMEN, THE FLOOR IS MR. GLESS' AT THIS MOMENT. WE ASK THAT
20 ALL PARTIES WHO ARE NOT ABLE TO KEEP THEIR VOICES AT A VERY
21 LOW LEVEL VACATE THE BOARDROOM SO THAT WE CAN PROCEED IN AN
22 ORDERLY FASHION. PROCEED, SIR.

23

24 **GARY GLESS:** THE CITIZENS COALITION FOR A SAFE COMMUNITY
25 STRONGLY URGES YOU TO SUPPORT SUPERVISOR GLORIA MOLINA'S



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1 POSITION ON THE WHITTIER HILLS MATRIX IN CLAYTON WILLIAMS OIL
2 PROJECT THAT WAS ILLEGALLY APPROVED BY THE CITY OF WHITTIER
3 AND DENY THE LAND USE CHANGE. THE CITIZENS COALITION FOR SAFE
4 COMMUNITIES IS IN OPPOSITION TO OIL EXTRACTION AND PRODUCTION
5 PROJECTS THAT ARE BEING APPROVED ON PROTECTED WILDLIFE
6 HABITAT. THIS USE OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY PROP "A" PUBLIC
7 FUNDS AND IN THE PURCHASE OF THIS SPACE AND THE INTENT TO
8 PRESERVE THE WILDLIFE HABITAT CORRIDOR IN PERPETUITY. SETTING
9 A PRECEDENT WITH THE CHANGE OF THE USE OF APPROVAL COULD
10 RESULT IN OTHER AREAS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY THAT ARE KNOWN TO
11 CONTAIN OIL RESERVES SUCH AS PACIFIC PALISADES TO BE
12 CONSIDERED FAIR GAME BY OIL EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION
13 INDUSTRIES AS BARRELS OF PRICES INCREASE AND DIFFICULT PLAYS
14 BECOME MORE ECONOMICALLY VIABLE. WE STRONGLY URGE YOU TO DENY
15 THE APPROVAL OF THE WHITTIER HILLS OIL PROJECT. SINCERELY, THE
16 CITIZENS COALITION FOR SAFE COMMUNITY.

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18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
19 WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. MA'AM?

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21 **MARGO REEG:** HELLO. MY NAME IS MARGOT REEG. I'M A MEMBER OF THE
22 WHITTIER LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS AND I'M ON THE BOARD OF THE
23 L.A. COUNTY LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS. THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
24 WAS A STRONG SUPPORTER OF PROP "A" IN 1992 AND 1996. WE URGE
25 YOU TO UPHOLD THE CONDITIONS CONTAINED IN THE LANGUAGE OF PROP



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1 "A" OF 1992, THE REGIONAL PARKS AND OPEN SPACE BOND ACT FOR
2 ALL RECIPIENTS OF PROP "A" MONIES. THESE CONDITIONS REQUIRE
3 PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE DISTRICT BEFORE REMOVING ANY LAND
4 PURCHASED WITH BOND FUNDS FROM OPEN SPACE OR BEFORE CHANGING
5 THE USE OF LAND FROM OPEN SPACE TO ANOTHER PURPOSE. THE LEAGUE
6 HAS STRONG LAND USE POSITIONS, STRONG POSITIONS IN SUPPORT OF
7 CLEANING UP OUR AIR, IMPROVING AND MAINTAINING CLEAN WATER
8 RESOURCES AND PROTECTING THE HEALTH OF OUR CITIZENS. AND WE
9 BELIEVE THAT THE CITY OF WHITTIER IN THE PROCESS OF APPROVING
10 THIS PROJECT DID NOT GET APPROPRIATE PERMISSION FROM THE
11 DISTRICT AND WE THEREFORE URGE YOU TO GO WITH YOUR DISTRICT'S
12 RECOMMENDATION AND OPPOSE THIS PROJECT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
15 WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER NOW.

16

17 **LAUREN STEINER:** YES, I'M LAUREN STEINER, I'M A MOM AND
18 ANTIFRACKING ACTIVIST AND ONE OF THE FOUNDERS OF THE SO CAL
19 CLIMATE ACTION COALITION. I WANT TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE AS IT
20 AFFECTS CLIMATE CHANGE. THIS YEAR WE REACHED 400 PARTS PER
21 MILLION OF CO2 IN OUR ATMOSPHERE, 350 IS CONSIDERED THE SAFE
22 LEVEL. TODAY ON THE ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF HURRICANE SANDY,
23 WE HAVE ALREADY SEEN THE DEVASTATING RESULTS OF CLIMATE
24 CHANGE. MORE FREQUENT HURRICANES, DROUGHTS, WILDFIRES, FLOODS,
25 TORNADOES, AN ACIDIFICATION AND DEOXIDIZATION OF THE OCEANS,



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1 MELTING POLAR ICECAPS AND MORE. WE WANT TO KEEP THE
2 TEMPERATURES FROM RISING MORE THAN TWO DEGREES, WE HAVE TO
3 KEEP TWO-THIRDS OF THE CARBON IN THE GROUND. IF WE GO ON AS WE
4 ARE TODAY, TEMPERATURES WILL RISE TWO PERCENT AND WE WILL BE
5 TOAST. AT THE SAME TIME AS HE SIGNED BY CLIMATE CHANGE
6 AGREEMENTS WITH OTHER, JERRY BROWN JUST GREEN- LIGHTEDTED
7 FRACKING IN CALIFORNIA WHEN HE SIGNED BY SB4. IF WE FRACK AND
8 BURN THE 15.4 BILLIONS OF GALLONS OF OIL UNDER THE MONTERREY
9 SHALE, WE WILL ADD 6.7 BILLION METRIC TONS OF CO2 TWO-THIRDS
10 OF THE NATION'S OIL RESERVES THEY WANT TO FRACK. THIS WILL
11 DELAY THE GOAL OF AB32 BY 80 YEARS. OUR ONLY HOPE IS ON THE
12 LOCAL LEVEL. YOU NEED TO REJECT THIS PROJECT AND GO FURTHER BY
13 JOINING CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS AND OPPOSE A MORATORIUM ON
14 FRACKING IN ALL DANGEROUS OIL DRILLING TECHNIQUES IN L.A.
15 COUNTY. AND THE PEOPLE IN WHITTIER OUGHT TO RECALL THEIR
16 CORRUPT CITY COUNCIL. AND THE MEMBERS OF THE CHAMBER NEED TO
17 ASK THEMSELVES WHAT VALUE THE PRECIOUS JOBS WILL PROVIDE IF
18 THE PLANET CAN NO LONGER SUSTAIN HUMAN LIFE. THINK OF YOUR
19 CHILDREN NOT YOURSELVES.

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21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
22 WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. NOW, LADIES AND
23 GENTLEMEN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I RECOGNIZE THE VOLUME IS
24 INCREASING EPISODICALLY, WHICH SUGGESTS THAT THE ATTENTION
25 SPAN IS SHORTENING. AND SO I'M TRYING TO MAINTAIN AN



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1 ATMOSPHERE WHERE EVERYBODY WHO WISHES TO BE HEARD CAN BE
2 HEARD. BUT I WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU TO STAY WITHIN THE SPECIFIED
3 TIME LIMITS OTHERWISE THINGS UNNECESSARILY DETERIORATE. I SEEK
4 YOUR COOPERATION. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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6 **YVONNE WATSON:** YVONNE WATSON. I'M THE CHIEF RESEARCHER FOR THE
7 SAVE THE MONTEBELLO HILLS TASKFORCE OF THE SIERRA CLUB. THIS
8 IS NOT A COMPLICATED ISSUE. THESE LANDS WERE BOUGHT WITH PROP
9 "A" FUNDS WHICH WERE APPROVED BY THE VOTERS TO BUY PARK LAND.
10 THAT IS THE PLAIN AND SIMPLE TRUTH OF THE MATTER. MATRIX OIL
11 IS TRYING TO MAKE THIS INTO TAKE COMPLICATED ISSUE; IT IS NOT.
12 IT IS SIMPLY THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE SAID WE WANT PARKS.
13 HERE'S OUR MONEY. THEY DID NOT SAY WE WANT PARKS, HERE'S OUR
14 MONEY, NOW GO BUY AN OIL FIELD. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH
17 FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. GOOD EXAMPLE. PLEASE PROCEED. MA'AM?

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19 **PAULA VALLE:** MY NAME'S PAULA, I'M WITH WHITTIER HILLS OIL
20 WATCH. WE HAVE FOUGHT THIS FOR OVER THREE YEARS. AND I SUPPORT
21 A FINDING THAT WHITTIER ACTED IN VIOLATION OF PROPOSITION "A".
22 OIL DRILLING IN THE WHITTIER HILLS ON OPEN SPACE LAND WHICH
23 WAS PURCHASED WITH TAXPAYER MONIES IS A VIOLATION AND ABUSE OF
24 THE PUBLIC'S TRUST. I'M ASKING THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
25 UPHOLD PROPOSITION A. I'M ALSO ASKING THAT THE BOARD FIND THAT



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1 OIL DRILLING IS NOT CONSISTENT WITH OPEN SPACE USES AND
2 THEREFORE WHITTIER'S OIL DRILLING PROJECT SHOULD BE
3 PROHIBITED. IN ADDITION, THE BOARD HAS THE OPPORTUNITY AND THE
4 POWER TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE THAT WOULD PERMANENTLY PROHIBIT
5 OIL DRILLING IN THE WHITTIER HILLS. ADOPTING AN ORDINANCE
6 WOULD PROHIBIT OIL DRILLING AND WOULD ELIMINATE ANY
7 UNCERTAINTY ABOUT THE FUTURE OF THE WHITTIER HILLS IN
8 SAFEGUARDS NOT JUST THE FUTURE OF THE HILLS BUT ALSO THE
9 INTEGRITY OF PROPOSITION A. THANK YOU.

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11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
12 TIMELY INDEED. SIR?

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14 **JOHN MCFARLAND:** YES. GOOD AFTERNOON.

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16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** AND TO YOU.

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18 **JOHN MCFARLAND:** MY NAME IS JOHN MCFARLAND. AND I'M A NEARLY
19 LIFE-LONG RESIDENT OF WHITTIER AND A VERY ACTIVE MEMBER IN OUR
20 COMMUNITY. I WILL BE AS BRIEF AS POSSIBLE.

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22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** (LAUGHING).

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24 **JOHN MCFARLAND:** BUT I'M AMONG THOSE, THE MAJORITY OF
25 WHITTIERITES WHO SUPPORT THE WHITTIER OIL PROJECT.



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE'RE GOVERNED BY --

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4 **JOHN MCFARLAND:** AND I DON'T WANT MY TIME TO BE USED UP BY RUDE
5 PEOPLE MAKING NOISE IN THE MIDDLE OF MY TESTIMONY.

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7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** I THINK YOU WILL HAVE AMPLE
8 EVIDENCE THAT I'M PREPARED TO BE EVENHANDED AND FAIR. SO YOU
9 MAY PROCEED, SIR.

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11 **JOHN MCFARLAND:** OKAY. AND THE MAJORITY HAS PROVEN IN THE TWO
12 LAST CONSECUTIVE ELECTIONS THAT THEY HAVE REELECTED THE
13 INCUMBENTS OVERWHELMINGLY OVER THE OPPONENTS WHEN THE MAJOR
14 ISSUE HAS BEEN WHETHER OR NOT TO PURSUE THE OIL PROJECT.
15 THAT'S THE FIRST POINT I WISH TO MAKE. SECONDLY, WE DON'T NEED
16 TO SPECULATE ABOUT WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN WITH THIS OIL FIELD.
17 WE HAD AN OIL FIELD IN THE SAME SPOT FOR 100 YEARS WITH 550
18 WELLS SCATTERED THROUGHOUT MAKING MILLIONS OF BARRELS OF OIL.
19 AND THERE WAS NOT ONE SIGNIFICANT INCIDENT EITHER TO THE
20 ENVIRONMENT OR TO THE RESIDENTS OF WHITTIER DURING THAT ENTIRE
21 TIME. NOW WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A PROJECT ON SEVEN ACRES WITH
22 ALL SORTS OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND REGULATORY SCRUTINY, AND IT'S
23 BEEN STUDIED AD NAUSEAM THROUGH ALL OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL
24 IMPACT STUDIES. FINALLY, I WISH TO POINT OUT I SUPPORT SAVING
25 THE HILLS AND THE PRESERVE. AND THE FACT OF THE MATTER IS THE



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1 PRESERVE FUNDING ENDS THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW. THEIR TIPPING
2 FEES END. THIS PROJECT WILL ENABLE FUNDS TO BE PROVIDED TO THE
3 PRESERVE FOR AS LONG AS THE OIL PROJECT LASTS AS WELL AS
4 STIMULATE JOBS AND ECONOMIC ACTIVITY THROUGHOUT OUR REGION. SO
5 I HOPE YOU WILL CONSIDER MY REMARKS AND THANK YOU.

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7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** INDEED. THANK YOU FOR YOUR
8 TESTIMONY. WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER. MA'AM?

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10 **SHERILYNNN REYES:** MY NAME IS SHERILYNN D. REYES. ALTHOUGH ON
11 STAGE I'M KNOWN AS SHERILYNN SHALOM. I HAVE BEEN A RESIDENT OF
12 THE CITY OF WHITTIER SINCE 1972. I RAISED MY THREE CHILDREN
13 HERE. THEY WENT TO WHITTIER HIGH SCHOOL AND CALVARY BAPTIST
14 CHRISTIAN SCHOOL. I WAS EMPLOYED BY THE CITY OF WHITTIER AS A
15 CLERK IN THE CONTROLLER'S OFFICE FROM 1996 TO 1999. I VOTED
16 FOR PROPOSITION "A" AND I FEEL BETRAYED. I WAS ALSO THE
17 PRESIDENT OF THE WHITTIER COMMUNITY GARDEN. I PRAY IN THE
18 HILLS. AND ALTHOUGH I ATTEND CHURCH AT FIRST CHRISTIAN ON
19 GREENLEAF, MY HEART BELONGS TO THE WHITTIER HILLS. I WROTE A
20 SONG (CRYING) ABOUT IT LAST YEAR. DON, AS MY DISTRICT
21 REPRESENTATIVE, PLEASE HEAR MY PLEA. SORRY. IT NOT ONLY
22 REDUCES PROPERTY VALUES, IT IS A DANGER TO OUR ENVIRONMENT.
23 AND OUR LITTLE ANIMALS WHO HAVE NO VOICE. I AM HERE TO SAY I
24 AM THEIR VOICE. I WOULD LIKE TO READ A SONG FOR YOU. OH, LORD
25 I'M SORRY. OH, LORD, HOW EXCELLENT IS YOUR NAME IN ALL THE



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1 EARTH WHO HAVE SET YOUR GLORY ABOVE THE HEAVENS. OUT OF THE
2 MOUTH OF BABES AND NURSING INFANTS YOU HAVE ORDAINED STRENGTH
3 BECAUSE OF YOUR ENEMIES THAT YOU MAY SILENCE THE ENEMY AND AN
4 AVENGER. WHEN I CONSIDER YOUR HEAVENS, THE WORK OF YOUR
5 FINGERS, THE MOON AND THE STARS YOU HAVE ORDAINED, WHAT IS MAN
6 THAT YOU ARE MINDFUL OF HIM AND THE SON OF MAN THAT YOU VISIT
7 HIM? FOR YOU HAVE MADE HIM A LITTLE LOWER THAN THE ANGELS AND
8 YOU HAVE CROWNED HIM THE GLORY AND HONOR. YOU HAVE MADE HIM TO
9 HAVE DOMINION OVER THE WORKS OF YOUR HANDS AND HE WILL PUT ALL
10 THINGS UNDER YOUR FEET, ALL SHEEP AND OXEN, EVEN THE BEASTS OF
11 THE FIELD, THE BIRDS OF THE AIR AND THE FISH SEA THAT PASSES
12 THROUGH THE PATHS OF THE SEAS. OH, LORD, OUR LORD, HOW
13 EXCELLENT IS YOUR NAME IN ALL THE EARTH. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT
16 SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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18 **DOROTHY REIK:** HI, MY NAME IS DOROTHY REIK AND I'M PRESIDENT OF
19 PROGRESSIVE DEMOCRATS OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS, AND I'M
20 HERE FROM THE WEST SIDE TO LET OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS ON THE
21 EAST SIDE KNOW THAT WE WILL NOT ALLOW THEIR PARKLANDS TO BE
22 USED TO GET MONEY TO BUY PARKLAND IN OTHER AREAS OF LOS
23 ANGELES COUNTY. WE ALL STAND TOGETHER. AND WE ALL SUPPORT EACH
24 OTHER. AND EVERYBODY'S PARKLAND IS AS VALUABLE AS THE NEXT
25 PERSON'S. WE'RE ALL ENTITLED TO PARKLAND IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS.



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1 AND I WAS ASKED TO READ A RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE L.A. COUNTY
2 DEMOCRATIC PARTY AND ALSO SUPPORTED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL
3 CAUCUS OF THE CALIFORNIA DEMOCRATIC PARTY, I AM ON THE
4 DEMOCRATIC, APPOINTED BY FRAN PAVLY THE GREAT
5 ENVIRONMENTALIST. "WHEREAS THE WHITTIER HILLS OPEN SPACE WAS
6 PURCHASED WITH TAXPAYER FUNDS GRANTED IN 1992 FROM LOS ANGELES
7 COUNTY PROPOSITION "A" TO THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS
8 CONSERVANCY, THE ACQUISITION OF PARK AND OPEN SPACE LAND FOR
9 THIS GENERATION AND GENERATIONS TO COME AND THE MOUNTAINS
10 RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AGENCY WAS ESTABLISHED TO PRESERVE
11 AND MANAGE OPEN SPACE, AND WHEREAS THE MOUNTAINS RECREATION
12 AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY WON AN INJUNCTION IN THE COURTS TO
13 PREVENT DRILLING IN THE WHITTIER HILLS, AND WHEREAS ALLOWING
14 DRILLING IN THE WHITTIER HILLS WOULD SET A PRECEDENT THAT
15 WOULD EMBOLDEN OTHER OIL COMPANIES TO DRILL UNDER OTHER NATURE
16 PRESERVES AND STATE PARKS AND THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT
17 THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY OPPOSES ANY DRILLING
18 IN THE WHILTIER HILLS, SUPPORTS OPEN SPACE IN ALL AREAS OF LOS
19 ANGELES COUNTY, AND AFFIRMS THAT ALL RESIDENTS OF LOS ANGELES
20 COUNTY ARE ENTITLED TO OPEN SPACE CLOSE TO WHERE THEY LIVE.
21 AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION BE
22 SENT TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO THE
23 SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JOE
24 EDMISTON AND GOVERNOR JERRY BROWN." AND IT WAS SUBMITTED BY MY
25 CLUB THE PROGRESSIVE DEMOCRATS OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS



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1 AUTHORED BY ME AND I STAND BEHIND EVERY WORD OF IT AND I URGE
2 YOU TO PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW ANY DRILLING IN THE WHITTIER HILLS.
3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. WE
5 WILL PROCEED. MAY I APPEAL TO YOU TO BE REMINDED UNDER THE
6 TIME LIMIT UNDER WHICH WE ARE OPERATING? MA'AM?

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8 **URSULA BELL:** GOOD DAY, MY NAME IS YOUR URSULA BELL. I'M LIVING
9 IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF WHITTIER AND HAVE LIVED THERE
10 FOR 45 YEARS. I WOULD LIKE TO DIRECT YOUR ATTENTION TO THE
11 WALL AND THE SAYING THAT SAYS "GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE, BY
12 THE PEOPLE, FOR THE PEOPLE SHALL NOT PERISH." ON THAT NOTE, I
13 ASK YOU AND URGE YOU TO SUPPORT THE INTENT AND THE WORDS OF
14 PROPOSITION "A": NO DRILLING.

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16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR
17 TESTIMONY. SIR?

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19 **LARRY HOLT:** HELLO, I'M LARRY HOLT FROM PENN STREET. AND MY
20 FAMILY'S BEEN IN WHITTIER FOR OVER 70 YEARS. MYSEN HAS
21 GRADUATED FROM WHITTIER COLLEGE. WE LOVE WHITTIER. AND,
22 PLEASE, PROP "A" SAVE OUR HILLS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

23
24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WELL DONE. THANK YOU, SIR. NEXT
25 SPEAKER, PLEASE. MA'AM?



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2 LUCINDA HALLEY YES. MY NAME IS LUCINDA HALLEY AND I AM A
3 RESIDENT OF WHITTIER SINCE I GRADUATED KINDERGARTEN FROM MAR
4 VISTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. I AM PROUD TO BE A MEMBER OF OR
5 RESIDENT OF WHITTIER. I AM ALSO A LONG TIME ENVIRONMENTALIST.
6 I'VE BEEN A MEMBER OF THE SIERRA CLUB FOR OVER 20 YEARS. I
7 LOVE THE WHITTIER HILLS. MY HUSBAND AND I HIKE THERE
8 FREQUENTLY. SYCAMORE CANYON, ARROYO PASCADERO, PORTIONS OF THE
9 SCHABARUM SKYLINE RIDGELINE TRAIL, MARIPOSA TRAIL OUT OF
10 HELLMAN PARK. WE HIKE FREQUENTLY. I CAN TELL YOU THIS: THE
11 WHITTIER HILLS NEED A LOT OF RESTORATION. THERE ARE ABANDONED
12 CONCRETE STRUCTURES, ASPHALT, DEGRADED ASPHALT TRAILS, FORMER
13 OIL FIELDS, BARBED WIRE, METAL PIPE REMNANTS OF THE OLD BIG W
14 THAT USED TO BE ON THE HILLS OF WHITTIER. A LOT OF
15 RESTORATION. AND I'M TELLING YOU THAT IT TAKES MONEY TO
16 RESTORE. AND THIS IS WHY THE M.R.C.A. AGREED TO SETTLE THEIR
17 SUIT BECAUSE THEY, TOO, REALIZED IT TAKES MONEY. WE'RE LOSING
18 OUR FUNDING. WE'RE LOSING PUENTE HILLS LANDFILL. WE NEED THE
19 MONEY FROM THE OIL REVENUE. PLEASE VOTE, PLEASE VOTE FOR OIL
20 REVENUE. WE NEED THE DRILLING IN WHITTIER. THANK YOU.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
23 AND WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKERS, PLEASE. MA'AM?

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1 **BRENDA JAHN:** HI, MY NAME IS BRENDA JAHN. AND I'VE BEEN IN
2 WHITTIER FOR 41 YEARS. I'M MARRIED TO A PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER
3 WHO KNOWS THAT ALL OF THIS DRILLING CAN BE DONE WITH THE NEW
4 TECHNOLOGY TO NOT DAMAGE THE LANDSCAPE. I ALSO KNOW THAT I
5 HIKE THOSE HILLS, AND LUCINDA IS CORRECT. IT NEEDS A LOT OF
6 WORK THERE TO RESTORE THE PRISTINE LAND THAT THEY'RE TALKING
7 ABOUT. I ALSO AGREE WITH MATT MACFARLAND. THE CITY OF WHITTIER
8 VOTED FOR THE CITY COUNCIL THAT WAS IN FAVOR OF DRILLING. AND
9 WE ARE NOT BEING HEARD TODAY. SO I URGE YOU TO VOTE FOR THE
10 DRILLING BECAUSE THE PEOPLE IN WHITTIER VOTED FOR THAT ACTION.
11 THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
14 SIR?

15

16 **JAMES AREHART:** YES. CHAIRMAN, MY NAME IS JAMES AREHART. I LIVE
17 IN HACIENDA HEIGHTS AND I SPEAK FOR HOMEOWNERS THAT OVERLOOK
18 THE VALLEY.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YES?

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22 **JAMES AREHART:** MAY I PLEASE HAND EACH OF THE BOARD.

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THROUGH THE SERGEANT.

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1 **JAMES AREHART:** PICTURES OF THE HILLS IN QUESTION?

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3 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YES, SIR.

4

5 **JAMES AREHART:** FIRST OF ALL, TO REPEAT MUCH OF THE TIME GIVEN
6 BY MATRIX OIL, YOU'LL NOTICE THAT THERE ARE NO ROADS THAT THEY
7 SAY EXIST THERE. SECOND OF ALL, YOU'LL NOTICE THAT ANYTHING
8 THAT THEY'RE GOING TO PUT IN THERE IS GOING TO SCAR THIS
9 PRISTINE LAND. THIRD, YOU'LL FIND OUT THAT WE WERE LEFT OUT OF
10 THE ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT BECAUSE RIGHT AT THE BOTTOM OF MY
11 HILL IS THE EDGE OF THE WHITTIER PROPERTY, AND THEN IT BEGINS
12 HACIENDA HEIGHTS. AND SO THEY CONVENIENTLY DREW THE LINE FOR
13 THE ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT RIGHT AT MY BACKYARD. AND THEN THEY
14 SAID THAT NO SOUND, NO SMOG, NO ANYTHING FROM THE
15 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT WOULD AFFECT ANY OF US ON MONACO CREST.
16 AND, YET, IT'S ALL SUPPOSED TO JUST MAGICALLY STAY IN THE
17 VALLEY BEHIND US. YET THAT'S WHAT WE'RE LOOKING AT AND WE'LL
18 BE IMPACTED BY EVERYTHING THAT THEY DO IN THAT VALLEY.

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20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
21 SIR?

22

23 **JAMES AREHART** THANK YOU, SIR.

24

25 **>>SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** MA'AM?



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2 **PATRICIA LUND** HI. ME?

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4 **>>SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** PLEASE.

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6 **PATRICIA LUND:** MY NAME PATRICIA LUND, RESIDENT OF WHITTIER,
7 MEMBER OF THE 57TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT CENTRAL COMMITTEE, FORMER
8 TEACHER AT WHITTIER COLLEGE. MY HUSBAND AND I HAVE A PROPERTY
9 RIGHT ADJACENT TO THE PUENTE HILLS, SO WE LIVE THERE. WE GET
10 VISITS FROM THE DEER AND THE COYOTES ALMOST DAILY. WE SEE THE
11 BIRDS. WE SEE ALL THE ANIMALS. AND THEY DON'T SEEM TO BE
12 BOTHERED AT ALL BY CIVILIZATION. I THINK IT'S KIND OF FUN.
13 I'VE SEEN THEM GO STAND ON THE HILL AND LOOK TO SEE WHAT THE
14 CITY'S DOING. AND ONE THING I WANT TO SAY, I DON'T ACCEPT THE
15 PREMISE THAT OIL IS A BAD THING. IF YOU STOP AND THINK ABOUT
16 IT, OIL IS THE LIFEblood OF OUR CIVILIZATION. WE HAVE TO HAVE
17 IT IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN WHAT WE HAVE. IF WE WENT BACK TO
18 BURNING WOOD, FOR EXAMPLE, FOR ENERGY, WE WOULDN'T HAVE ANY
19 FORESTS LEFT. SO THE PERSON WHO WAS HERE IN SUPPORT OF THE
20 TREES, YOU SHOULD REALLY GIVE OIL CREDIT FOR SUPPORTING YOUR
21 TREES BECAUSE IT DOES.

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT.

24



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1 **PATRICIA LUND:** I HAVE BEEN APPALLED TODAY BY THE AMOUNT OF
2 MISINFORMATION, CRAZY LANGUAGE "WE'RE GOING TO RAVAGE THE
3 HILLS, WE'RE GOING TO, I DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY EXPECT TO
4 HAPPEN." IT'S GOING TO BE ONE LITTLE TINY OIL WELL BACK IN A
5 CANYON WHERE YOU CAN'T EVEN SEE IT. WE DON'T MIND A BIT THAT
6 THEY'RE GOING TO BUILD IT THERE. AND WE LIVE THERE. SO I JUST
7 WANT TO SAY THAT I SUPPORT IT BECAUSE LIVING THERE, WE HAVE
8 HAD OCCASION TO CALL THE PARK RANGERS ON OCCASION IF PEOPLE
9 WERE LITTERING OR PEOPLE WERE DOING SOMETHING, AND THEY'RE
10 RIGHT THERE WITHIN A HALF AN HOUR. THEY'VE COME TO BE HELPFUL.
11 THEY MAINTAIN THE TRAILS. THEY KEEP THAT PARK UP. THERE'S NOT
12 GOING TO BE ANY MONEY FOR THAT AS SOON AS THE LANDFILL CLOSES.
13 HOW IS THAT PARK GOING TO BE MAINTAINED?

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT.

16

17 **PATRICIA LUND:** WHAT MONEY IS THAT GOING TO COME FROM? I THINK
18 THE PARK SHOULD HAVE IN KEEPING ITSELF MAINTAINED?

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** MA'AM, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR
21 YOUR TESTIMONY. ALL RIGHTY. MA'AM?

22

23 **ELENA MEDELLIN:** GOOD MORNING, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. MY NAME IS
24 ELENA MEDELLIN, I'M A RESIDENT OF WHITTIER. I HAVE FOLLOWED
25 THIS PROJECT FOR THREE YEARS AND READ THE PROJECT DOCUMENTS. I



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1 ALSO HIKE IN THE WHITTIER NATURE RESERVE WITH FELLOW HIKERS
2 FROM LOS ANGELES AND ORANGE COUNTIES WHO ENJOY THE OPEN SPACE
3 WHITTIER HAS TO OFFER. I'M HERE TO EXPRESS MY OPPOSITION OF
4 THE WHITTIER OIL PROJECT FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS. OIL
5 DRILLING WILL CAUSE SIGNIFICANT AND UNAVOIDABLE ENVIRONMENTAL
6 IMPACTS. OIL DRILLING ON PROP "A" LAND IS A DIRECT VIOLATION
7 OF THE WILL OF THE VOTE EARTH AND THE PUBLIC TRUST. PROP "A"
8 ALLOCATED 9.3 MILLION TO THE CITY OF WHITTIER TO ACQUIRE LAND
9 IN THE WHITTIER HILLS, WHICH THE CITY OF WHITTIER PLEDGED TO
10 RESTORE AND PRESERVE AS OPEN SPACE IN PERPETUITY. WHEN I VOTED
11 FOR PROP "A" NO ONE EVER SAID THAT OPEN SPACE FOREVER WAS
12 LIMITED TO 20 YEARS. NOW, WHITTIER'S SEEKING TO PROFIT FROM
13 OUR HARD EARNED TAXPAYER DOLLARS, VIOLATING ITS PROMISE TO
14 PRESERVE OPEN SPACE AND INSTEAD OPTING TO DESTROY IT. IF THIS
15 PROJECT IS APPROVED, IT WOULD SET A TERRIBLE PRECEDENT FOR
16 FUTURE PROJECTS TO BE ABLE TO BUY THEIR WAY OUT OF THIS
17 PROTECTIVE STATUS. I URGE YOU TO REJECT THE OIL DRILLING
18 PROJECT. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND STANDING UP FOR THE
19 TAXPAYERS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

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21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY
22 AND WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER. SIR?

23
24 **LANCE SIMMENS:** THANK YOU. MY NAME IS LANCE SIMMENS. I HAVE
25 SPENT THE LAST FOUR DECADES AS A PUBLIC POLICY ANALYST. MOST



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1 RECENTLY EIGHT YEARS AS SENIOR ADVISER TO PENNSYLVANIA
2 GOVERNOR ED RANDEL WHERE WE SAW A FRACKING FRENZY IN
3 PENNSYLVANIA. YOU HAVE AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY HERE TODAY TO
4 MAKE A STATEMENT. BUT TO ALSO LEARN FROM THE MISTAKES OF
5 OTHERS AND THE MISTAKES THAT WE MADE. WHAT YOU WOULD BE DOING
6 BY ACCEPTING THIS PROPOSAL WOULD BE TO TRANSFORM OPEN SPACE
7 INTO AN OPEN INVITATION FOR NEW TECHNOLOGY LIKE FRACKING.
8 THERE ARE TOO MANY UNKNOWNNS ABOUT THIS NEW TECHNOLOGY, ITS
9 IMPACT ON WATER, AIR, PUBLIC HEALTH, SEISMIC ACTIVITY AND
10 CLIMATE CHANGE. SO I URGE YOU TO REJECT THE PROPOSAL TO DRILL
11 IN WHITTIER HILLS. THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
14 AND WE WILL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

15

16 **JAN SANDGREN:** HELLO.

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18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** HI.

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20 **JAN SANDGREN:** MY NAME IS JAN SANDGREN AND I'M A PRINCIPAL OF
21 WITHERS AND SANDGREN LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS AND PLANNERS. AND
22 MANY PEOPLE HERE TODAY IN THE ROOM I KNOW AND HAVE WORKED WITH
23 AND CONTINUE TO WORK WITH ON THE EMERALD NECKLACE PROJECT ON
24 THE RIO HONDO-SAN GABRIEL RIVER, ON THE WHITTIER NARROWS



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1 EQUESTRIAN CENTER AND SECOND DISTRICT EQUESTRIAN CENTER, AS
2 WELL.

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** STONE VIEW.

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6 **JAN SANDGREN:** SO USING PARK SPACE FOR OIL DRILLING FLIES IN
7 THE FACE OF ALL OF THIS COMMUNITY'S THOUGHTFUL, INTELLIGENT,
8 WELL RESEARCHED PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION EFFORTS BY ALL
9 THOSE INVOLVED: BY AGENCIES, CIVIL LEADERS, CITIZENS ALIKE TO
10 ADDRESS ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES, ADAPTIVE CLIMATE CHANGE,
11 SUSTAINABLE GROWTH, AND QUALITY OF LIFE FOR OUR CHILDREN IN
12 THE FUTURE. TWENTY-FIVE YEARS TO ABSCOND WITH PUBLIC LANDS IS
13 A LONG TIME. I WILL BE DEAD BY THEN BY THE TIME THE LANDS ARE
14 AVAILABLE FOR THE PUBLIC AGAIN FOR RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE.
15 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I HAVE NO
18 SUCH PLANS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. PROCEED. [LAUGHTER.] SIR?

19

20 **JOHN BEYNON:** MY NAME IS JOHN BEYNON, I LIVE IN WHITTIER. I'M
21 PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION THERE. I WORKED A
22 LONG TIME IN THE UNITED NATIONS. I SAW THINGS HAPPEN ABOUT THE
23 LIMITS TO GROWTH. I SAW THE CREATION OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL
24 PROGRAM IN THE U.N. I SAW THE CREATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL
25 PANEL ON CLIMATE CHANGE. THESE ARE ORGANIZATIONS AND WORK THAT



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1 HAS BEEN DONE THAT TELL US THE FACTS ABOUT THE DAMAGES THAT
2 CARBON CAN DO TO THE ENVIRONMENT. WE MAY HAVE OPINIONS, BUT
3 THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO REALLY KNOW WHAT IS GOING ON. BUT
4 THINKING GLOBALLY IS ONE THING, ACTING LOCALLY IS ANOTHER. I
5 WALK IN THE HILLS. WEEKLY I WALK WITHIN 200 YARDS OF THIS
6 SUPPOSED HIDDEN DRILLING SITE. I HAVE SEEN THERE DEER,
7 BUNNIES, RATTLESNAKES AND EVEN A BOBCAT. I DO NOT EXPECT TO
8 SEE THEM THERE IF THIS THING IS APPROVED, AND I KNOW FULL WELL
9 I WON'T BE THERE, EITHER, BECAUSE I WON'T BE ALLOWED TO BE
10 THERE. I'D LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR THE STAFF REPORT THAT'S BEEN
11 DONE. THIS HAS DONE A LOT TO HELP US UNDERSTAND THE FAUSTIAN
12 BARGAIN THAT HAS BEEN ARRANGED. PLEASE DO THE RIGHT THING.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

15

16 **JOHN BEYNON:** ACCEPT THE REPORT.

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** APPRECIATE YOUR TESTIMONY. SIR?

19

20 **DAMIEN LUZZO:** YEAH, MY NAME IS DAMIEN LUZZO. I'M ACTUALLY FROM
21 DAVIS, CALIFORNIA, BUT I COME HERE BECAUSE THIS IS A REALLY
22 BIG ISSUE THAT IS AFFECTING NOT JUST WHITTIER HILLS BUT ALL OF
23 CALIFORNIA. AND I JUST WANTED TO GIVE MY TESTIMONY IN
24 OPPOSITION TO THE PLANNED OIL PROJECT. MORE THAN 70 PERCENT OF
25 VOTERS IN CALIFORNIA FAVOR BANNING OR HEAVILY REGULATING



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1 CHEMICAL INJECTIONS INTO THE GROUND TO TAP OIL AND NATURAL
2 GAS. 58 PERCENT OF CALIFORNIA VOTERS WANT TO BAN A MORATORIUM
3 ON UNCONVENTIONAL OIL AND GAS DRILLING. THE CLIMATE FIGHT IS
4 NO LONGER JUST ABOUT IMPACTS IN THE FUTURE; IT'S ABOUT
5 PHYSICAL AND MORAL CONSEQUENCES NOW. IT'S A MORAL REFERENDUM
6 ON OUR WILLINGNESS TO DO THE SIMPLEST THING WE MUST DO TO
7 AVERT CATASTROPHIC CLIMATE DISRUPTION. STOP MAKING IT WORSE.
8 SPECIFICALLY AND CATEGORICALLY, WE MUST STOP THIS ADDICTION.
9 WE MUST STOP MAKING LARGE, LONG TERM CAPITAL INVESTMENTS INTO
10 NEW FOSSIL FUEL INFRASTRUCTURE. OUR OPPORTUNITY TO AVERT
11 CATASTROPHIC CLIMATE DISRUPTION WILL BE LOST FOREVER WITHOUT
12 AN IMMEDIATE SHIFT AWAY FROM DIRTY OIL AND GAS EXTRACTION. AND
13 I URGE THIS WHITTIER HILLS TO LEAD ON THIS ISSUE AND TO SAY NO
14 TO THIS OIL PROJECT.

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
17 WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER. YOUNG MAN?

18

19 **DAVID BANUELAS:** HELLO. MY NAME IS DAVID BANUELAS. I'M A RECENT
20 GRADUATE OF WHITTIER COLLEGE. I'M AN ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE
21 MAJOR. FORMER EAGLE SCOUT. IF ANYONE KNOWS MOST ABOUT THE
22 (INAUDIBLE) PRESERVE THAT WAS HIGHLIGHTED IN THE (INAUDIBLE)
23 EARLIER, I SPENT A YEAR DOING MY SENIOR PROJECT IN THAT AREA.
24 AND I CAN TELL YOU FULL WELL THAT NATURE ITSELF IN IN
25 RECOVERY. AND TO ALLOW ANOTHER PROJECT WOULD JEOPARDIZE ALL



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1 THE WORK PROP "A" HAS DONE FOR STUDENTS LIKE MYSELF, GIVING
2 THEM OPPORTUNITIES TO WORK IN OPEN SPACE LAND AND LEARN
3 ECOLOGY, LEARN SOIL SCIENCE AND GIVE ME AN OPPORTUNITY TO GO
4 TO GRADUATE SCHOOL AS WELL AS OTHER STUDENTS, THOUSANDS OF
5 OTHER STUDENTS WHO LIVE IN THIS AREA. AND SECONDLY I CALL
6 ANYONE WHO IS INTERESTED IN FRACKING AND THIS SUBJECT, WATCH
7 THE FILM GASLAND. AND VIEW THE PEOPLE IN THERE WHO ARE
8 AFFECTED BY OIL AND DRILLING AND GAS. AND ASK YOURSELF: ARE
9 YOU REALLY READY TO SUBJECT YOUR CITIZENS TO THIS AS WELL AS
10 FRACTURING ON A FAULT LINE? WHITTIER NARROWS FAULT LINE. AND
11 THAT'S ALSO SOME OF THE CONSEQUENCES OF THAT. SO I LIKE THE
12 BOARD TO OPPOSE. THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
15 SIR?

16

17 **GEORGE POOCHIGIAN:** YES. MY NAME IS GEORGE POOCHIGIAN.

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19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YES, SIR.

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21 **GEORGE POOCGUGIAN:** AND I WILL GIVE YOU MY NAME RANK AND SERIAL
22 NUMBER. BECAUSE I WAS IN THE KOREAN WAR AT 17 YEARS OLD. AND
23 THAT GENTLEMAN OVER HERE, MIKE ANTONOVICH, I WENT TO COLLEGE
24 WITH HIM AT L.A. STATE COLLEGE IN 1961/62.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** MY MY MY.

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3 **GEORGE POOCHIGIAN:** AND WE TAUGHT TOGETHER AT L.A. UNIFIED
4 SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL DISTRICT AND HE WENT ON TO BECOME AN
5 ASSEMBLYMAN. GOOD TO SEE YOU, MIKE. LET ME BRING UP A VERY
6 SERIOUS POINT. I DIDN'T MOVE INTO WHITTIER ON MY G.I. BILL TO
7 HAVE OIL WELLS IN MY BACKYARD. THAT I DIDN'T HAVE. I WANTED TO
8 ENJOY MY BENEFIT OF HAVING A HOME IN WHITTIER. I'VE BEEN
9 LIVING THERE SINCE 1955. AND THAT CITY COUNCIL THAT WE HAVE
10 ARE A BUNCH OF NUTS, LET ME TELL YOU. [LAUGHTER.] THOSE GUYS
11 DON'T DO ANYTHING RIGHT. THEY DON'T KNOW WHAT THE WORD MEANS.
12 AS AN EDUCATOR, I RESENT PRACTICING THE WAY THEY ARE DOING
13 THEIR DEMOCRACY. IT'S AN AUTOCRACY NOT A DEMOCRACY. AND I
14 REALLY RESENT PEOPLE COMING INTO MY CITY AND BRINGING OIL
15 WELLS AND ALL THEIR PROBLEMS INTO OUR LOVELY CITY. THESE
16 THINGS HAVE TO STOP SOMEWHERE. AND IF WE DON'T BAND TOGETHER
17 IN WHITTIER, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE ONE BIG HELL OF A MESS. AND I
18 DO NOT BELIEVE THAT ANY OF THESE PEOPLE ARE FROM WHITTIER AT
19 ALL. MATRIX IS FROM SANTA BARBARA. THEY DON'T EVEN CARE ABOUT
20 WHITTIER. ALL I HAVE TO SAY IS I HOPE YOU VOTE AGAINST THE OIL
21 DRILLING. PROP "A" WAS PASSED. I PUSHED PROP A MYSELF. AND I
22 THINK IT'S THE BEST THING THAT HAPPENED TO THE CITY OF
23 WHITTIER. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

24



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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SIR.

2 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH WISHES TO TAKE A PHOTO WITH YOU AND
3 MAYBE YOU CAN DO A LITTLE ADDITIONAL LOBBYING ON HIM AND MAKE
4 SURE IT WORKS OUT. ALL RIGHT. ALL RIGHT CAL STATE L.A. IN THE
5 HOUSE. I UNDERSTAND. ALL RIGHT.

6

7 **PAUL FERRAZZI:** PAUL FERRAZZI CITIZENS COALITION FOR SAFE
8 COMMUNITY. I'D LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR MOLINA FOR HER
9 LEADERSHIP IN THIS AND I STAND IN OPPOSITION AND SUPPORT HER
10 POSITION, AS WELL. AS AN EXAMPLE OF SORT OF THE HUBRIS OF THE
11 OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY, I'D LIKE TO READ TWO EMAIL EXCHANGES
12 FROM 2004 BETWEEN FLOYD LEASEON A DOGGR ENGINEER AND STEVE
13 RUSH OF P.X.P. VICE PRESIDENT. "DOGGR, FLOYD: SUBJECT,
14 SPECIFIC PALISADES. QUESTION MARK? ARE YOU ALL DELEARIOUS?
15 PACIFIC PALISADES, GET REAL. THE FUMES FROM THAT 50-DOLLAR A
16 BARREL OF OIL MUST BE GETTING TO Y'ALL. STEVE: THE ONLY THING
17 WE ARE FUMING ABOUT IS THE RECENT FINE." "WELL EXCUSE ME. YES,
18 IT DOES LOOK LIKE MY NAME WAS ATTACHED TO THAT FINE. THE
19 ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEER FELT HE HAD TO INCLUDE MY NAME IN THAT
20 SINCE I TOOK THE FIELD FROM OUR CALL ENGINEER. GREAT, IT'S
21 JUST GREAT HERE. IF YOU LOOK CLOSELY YOU'LL SEE MY NAME WAS
22 SUPPOSED TO BE COMPLETELY DELETED FROM THAT, AT LEAST THAT'S
23 WHAT I ASKED BAKER TO DO. I DID NOT WRITE THAT UP. I DID NOT
24 AGREE TOO THAT FINE. I AM NOT A DECISIONMAKER HERE. LAY THAT
25 ON THE MUCK-Y-MUCKS. I'M JUST A LITTLE ENGINEER. P.S., CAN YOU



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1 IMAGINE WHAT THE FINES WOULD BE LIKE FOR THE PALISADES?"
2 "STEVE: I COULD RETIRE ON THE BONUS I'D GET FROM PERMITTING
3 PALISADES. WHERE DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THAT, ANYWAY? I'LL HAVE TO
4 PASS THAT POTENTIAL PROJECT ON TO OUR FOLKS." "BAKER SAID ONE
5 OF YOUR PEOPLE ARE COMING IN MANANA TO LOOK IT OVER." "STEVE:
6 MUST BE SUPER SECRET BECAUSE ONLY YOU GUYS KNOW ABOUT IT, NOT
7 ME." I'LL HAVE TO ASK THE NIGHT JANITORS IF THEY HEARD."
8 "FLOYD: THERE HAS TO BE EASIER PLAYS AROUND THAN THAT ONE.
9 GOOD LUCK." THEN ON DECEMBER 8TH.

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11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SIR?

12

13 **PAUL FERRAZZI:** THE SUBJECT LINE IS "WHEN PIGS FLY."

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15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** I'M GOING TO ENCOURAGE YOU.

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17 **PAUL FERRAZZI:** "CAN THEY? I TALKED WITH JOHN RANDALL YESTERDAY
18 AND TOM OR TODAY. NICE GUYS ABOUT LOTS OF STUFF. OLD OILFIELD
19 STORIES COMMON IDEAS, THEORIES. BETWEEN MALIBU AND NEAR SANTA
20 MONICA."

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22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** MAY I, SIR?

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24 **PAUL FERRAZZI:** "OIL RESERVES IN IT."

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SIR!

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3 **PAUL FERRAZZI:** "HAVEN'T TOLD A SOUL BUT IT'S KILLING ME TO
4 TELL SOMEONE. I WON'T. CAN'T REALLY HAPPEN CAN IT? HOLY COW, A
5 PIG JUST BLEW BY MY OFFICE. ALL THE BEST. I'M IN HOUSTON WITH
6 P.X.P. EVERYTHING FLIES AFTER SUFFICIENT INDUCEMENT. SO THAT'S
7 HOW THEY GET AIRBORNE HAVE SOUNDS GOOD TO ME."

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9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SIR, I'VE ASKED YOU A NUMBER OF
10 TIMES IF YOU WILL CONCLUDE. SIR, YOU REFUSE TO CONCLUDE?

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12 **PAUL FERRAZZI:** I WILL SUBMIT IT.

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14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

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16 **PAUL FERRAZZI:** YOU'RE WELCOME.

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18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** MA'AM?

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20 **PATRICIA MCPHERSON:** MY NAME IS--

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22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, WE STILL
23 HAVE QUITE A BIT OF WAYS TO GO. REASONABLE IS REASONABLE,
24 OKAY? YOU NOTICE I HAVE ALLOWED PEOPLE TO GO BEYOND THE 60



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1 SECONDS. BUT LET'S NOT PUSH IT BEYOND WHERE IT NEEDS TO BE,
2 PLEASE? FAIR ENOUGH?

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4 **PATRICIA MCPHERSON:** ARE YOU ADDRESSING ME?

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6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** NO, I'M ADDRESSING THE BALANCE
7 OF THE SPEAKERS. THERE'S STILL APPROXIMATELY 50 PEOPLE WHO
8 WISH TO BE HEARD. AND THEY WILL BE HEARD.

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10 **PATRICIA MCPHERSON:** THAT'S GREAT. I FEEL LIKE YOU'RE
11 ADDRESSING ME, BUT I AM GLAD THAT THEY WILL BE HEARD. I'M SURE
12 THEY'VE LEFT THEIR WORK TO COME DOWN HERE AND ARE NOT BEING
13 PAID FOR BEING HERE. SO WE THANK THEM FOR BEING HERE.

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15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** HOW MUCH TIME ARE YOU GOING TO
16 SPEND ON THAT?

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18 **PATRICIA MCPHERSON:** I DON'T KNOW WHEN MY TIME IS STARTED.

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20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** IT'S RIGHT IN FRONT OF YOU.

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22 **PATRICIA MCPHERSON:** HAVE YOU STARTED MY TIME?

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24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** IT SAYS RIGHT IN FRONT OF YOU.

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1 **PATRICIA MCPHERSON:** NO, I SEE THINGS TICKING.

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3 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THAT'S YOUR TIME.

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5 **PATRICIA MCPHERSON:** I DID NOT KNOW MY TIME HAS STARTED. THAT'S
6 NOT FAIR, MR. THOMAS.

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8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** I'LL SAY WE'LL RESET IT. BUT YOU
9 NEED TO JUST KIND OF HELP STAY WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE
10 TIME.

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12 **PATRICIA MCPHERSON:** YOU JUST TOLD ME YOU WERE ADDRESSING THESE
13 PEOPLE. YOU DID NOT TELL ME YOU WERE ADDRESSING ME. HOW DARE
14 YOU START MY TIME.

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16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** LET ME SAY SOMETHING TO YOU, LET
17 ME JUST SAY SOMETHING.

18

19 **PATRICIA MCPHERSON:** YEAH?

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21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE'RE JUST TRYING TO KEEP THE
22 HEARING IN ORDER. NOTHING MORE, NOTHING LESS. AND, WAIT A
23 MINUTE, JUST A MOMENT. BECAUSE THIS IS THE FIRST TIME WHERE
24 WE'VE HAD TENSION ALL DAY LONG AND WE'RE NOT GOING THERE,
25 WE'RE JUST NOT. I'M SIMPLY TRYING TO MAKE SURE THAT PERSONS



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1 WHO WISH TO BE HEARD CAN BE HEARD WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE
2 TIME THAT WE HAVE SET. WE HAVE APPROXIMATELY AN HOUR MORE TO
3 GO, IN ADDITION TO 22 OTHER ITEMS TO ADDRESS AND A CLOSED
4 SESSION. IT WOULD SEEM TO ME THAT ALL OF US CAN BE REASONABLE
5 AND GET THE BUSINESS HANDLED, ALL OF US. MY CONCERN WAS THE
6 PREVIOUS SPEAKER DID NOT COOPERATE WITH THE COURTESY THAT HAS
7 BEEN EXTENDED HIM BY VIRTUE OF MY ALLOWING HIS EXPIRED TIME TO
8 RUN. THAT WILL NOT CONTINUE TO HAPPEN. YOU HAVE 60 SECONDS.
9 PLEASE PROCEED, MA'AM.

10

11 **PATRICIA MCPHERSON:** AND I RESENT THE BULK OF WHAT YOU SAID,
12 APPEARING TO BE ADDRESSED TO ME WHEN THAT HAD NOTHING,
13 ABSOLUTELY NOTHING TO DO WITH ME. MY NAME IS PATRICIA
14 MCPHERSON. I'M PRESIDENT OF GRASSROOTS COALITION HAVE I'M ALSO
15 ON THE AIRPORT-MARINA SIERRA CLUB GROUP. I'M HERE TO ADDRESS
16 THE ISSUE THAT THE PEOPLE ARE TIRED OF VOTING FOR THINGS AND
17 BELIEVING THAT THEY WILL HAPPEN AND THEY DON'T. AND THAT IS
18 WHAT IS HAPPENING IN WHITTIER IF THIS DRILLING IS ALLOWED TO
19 OCCUR. THE SAME THING IS HAPPENING ON BALLONA WETLANDS RIGHT
20 NOW THAT THE PEOPLE HAVE PAID ABOUT 165 MILLION DOLLARS FOR
21 THE LAND AND THOSE BOND WISHES ARE NOT BEING UPHELD. THE SAME
22 THING HAPPENED IN THE HIGH-SPEED RAIL. LUCKILY THAT WAS
23 STOPPED AND THE PEOPLE'S WISHES ARE BEING HONORED.

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25 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.



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2 **PATRICIA MCPHERSON:** I HAD FIVE SECONDS LEFT.

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY.

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6 **PATRICIA MCPHERSON:** THIS IS A STATEMENT FROM DOGGR: "IN
7 HOUSTON, WITH P.X.P. EVERYTHING FLIES AFTER SUFFICIENT
8 INDUCEMENT." AND MR. FLOYD FROM THE DIVISION OF OIL AND GAS
9 SAYS "SUFFICIENT INDUCEMENT. SO THAT'S HOW THEY GET AIRBORNE.
10 SOUNDS GOOD TO ME."

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. READY FOR
13 THE BALANCE? WE HAVE APPROXIMATELY 50 MORE TO GO. DANIEL
14 DONOVAN, DO YOU WISH TO BE HEARD? IF YOU WISH TO BE HEARD,
15 DANIEL, PLEASE COME FORWARD. VICTOR CAZARES? MR. CAZARES IS NO
16 LONGER HERE. LINDA LOCKWOOD? LINDA IS NO LONGER HERE. THANK
17 YOU VERY MUCH. LYNETTE LUCAS? WE THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE. AND
18 YOUR TESTIMONY BEING SUBMITTED. BRIAN WESTIN? RANAYN TUPPAN-
19 JONES? VIRGINIA BALL? ARNOLD SACHS. HILLARY WESTIN? IF YOU'RE
20 HERE, PLEASE GIVE INDICATION OF THAT, COME FORWARD. NOEL
21 JAIMES? MARTA BORBON? MARTA, IS THAT YOU? DO YOU WISH TO BE
22 HEARD OR YOU'RE GOING TO WAIVE? YOU WANT TO BE HEARD. OKAY.
23 GUADALUPE SAHAGAN? THERESA WILKINSON? JONAY RALA? CLYDE
24 WILLIAMS? DO YOU WISH TO BE HEARD? ALL RIGHTY. GREG LEBOW? ALL
25 RIGHT. YOUNG MAN?



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2 **DANIEL DONOVAN:** SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS DANIEL. I'M 12 YEARS
3 OLD AND I LIVE IN WHITTIER. THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME SPEAK
4 WITH YOU TODAY. MANY YEARS AGO ALL OF YOU IN THE COUNTY
5 TAXPAYERS MADE A GREAT DECISION TO GIVE THE CITY OF WHITTIER
6 LOTS OF MONEY TO BUY THE WHITTIER HILLS. THIS WAS CALLED PROP
7 "A". THE CITY OF WHITTIER PROMISED TO PROTECT THE WHITTIER
8 HILLS FOREVER. THEY PROMISE TO PROTECT OUR LAND WITH THE MONEY
9 YOU GAVE THEM, PROTECT OUR WILDLIFE, PROTECT THE AIR WE
10 BREATHE AND THE WATER WE DRINK. THE CITY OF WHITTIER LIED TO
11 THE PEOPLE. THEY HAVE BROKEN THEIR PROMISE. WHAT HAPPENS TO
12 PEOPLE WHO DO NOT TELL THE TRUTH? IF I LIED TO MY PARENTS OR
13 TEACHERS, I GET IN SERIOUS TROUBLE. VERY SERIOUS TROUBLE,
14 ESPECIALLY WITH MY DAD. WHAT HAPPENS TO PEOPLE IN ELECTED
15 OFFICE WHO DO THE SAME THING? AS YOU ARE NOW IN CHARGE OF THIS
16 ISSUE, I TRUST YOU WILL HOLD PEOPLE ACCOUNTABLE FOR NOT
17 TELLING THE TRUTH. I HOPE YOU WILL PROTECT MY HILLS, PROTECT
18 THE WATER I DRINK, PROTECT THE AIR I BREATHE AND PROTECT MY
19 COMMUNITY FROM PEOPLE WHO CARE MORE ABOUT MONEY THAN MY
20 HEALTH. PLEASE PROTECT ALL MY FAMILY, MY FRIENDS, THEIR
21 FAMILIES AND ALL THE PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY FROM THE
22 WHITTIER CITY COUNCIL, MATRIX OIL AND CLAYTON WILLIAMS ENERGY.
23 PLEASE PROTECT PROP "A" LAND FOR ALL PEOPLE NO MATTER WHERE
24 THEY LIVE, HOW MUCH MONEY THEY HAVE OR THE COLOR OF THEIR
25 SKIN. GREEN IS GOOD. GREED IS BAD. THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.
3 (APPLAUSE) .

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5 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU, GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS. I
6 REALLY DON'T HAVE A HORSE IN THIS RACE, BUT IT'S INTERESTING
7 TO HEAR. IF YOU LOOK AT CS-3 THAT'S IN TODAY'S AGENDA, YOU'LL
8 NOTICE THERE'S THREE GROUPS THAT ARE SUING THE CITY OF
9 WHITTIER. BUT THE COUNTY BOARD, PROP "A" IS A COUNTY MEASURE.
10 THE COUNTY ASSESSMENT ON PROPERTY. THE COUNTY ISN'T SUING
11 WHITTIER. AND WHEN THE WOMAN FROM THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE GOT
12 UP AND SPOKE, I MENTIONED TO HER, AND THIS IS REALLY SCARY
13 THAT SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH SAID EXACTLY WHAT I TOLD HER.
14 SUPPOSE THE OTHER 87 CITIES EACH WITH TWO PARCELS DECIDE THEY
15 WANT TO DO SOMETHING WITH LAND -- THIS IS A LAND USE ISSUE. IF
16 THE PEOPLE WANTED TO BUILD A PRISON THERE OR THEY WANTED TO
17 BUILD A LANDFILL THERE OR THEY WANTED TO BILL BUILD AN
18 AUTOMOBILE MANUFACTURING LIKE B.Y.D. THERE, THEY WOULD BE
19 USING PROP "A" FUNDING ILLEGALLY FOR LAND USE. THIS IS WHAT IT
20 COMES DOWN TO. YOU ARE THE STEWARDS OF PROP A. YOU SHOULD BE
21 THE ONES INITIATING THE LAWSUITS, AND THESE OTHER GROUPS? THEY
22 SHOULD BE FRIENDS OF THE LAWSUIT FILED BY THE COUNTY, NOT THE
23 OTHER WAY AROUND.

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25 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.



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2 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YOU ARE ASLEEP AT THE WHEEL AS PER USUAL.

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH
5 FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. MA'AM?

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7 **VIRGINA BALL:** VIRGINIA BALL, GINNY BALL. AND I'M ONE OF THE
8 FOUNDERS OF FIRST DAY, OUR RECOVERY FROM HOMELESS CENTER IN
9 WHITTIER. A LOT OF WHAT'S GOING ON TODAY WITH THE OIL PROJECT
10 IS SIMILAR TO WHAT WE HAD 14 YEARS AGO WHEN WE TRIED TO OPEN
11 THE HOMELESS SHELTER. ALL THE PASSION, THE RUDENESS, THE
12 SIGNS, THE HOOTS, THE WAVING OF SIGNS AND SO ON WHILE OTHER
13 PEOPLE ARE SPEAKING. I THINK WITH THE OIL PROJECT THAT I'M
14 DEFINITELY IN FAVOR OF IT. THE CITY COUNCIL, THE PLANNING
15 COMMISSION, ALONG WITH MATRIX, THEY WORKED FOR ALMOST FOUR
16 YEARS TRYING TO MITIGATE ALL OF THE CONCERNS. IF YOU READ THE
17 PROPOSAL, IF YOU READ THE E.I.R.S, THERE ARE TWO OF THEM, IF
18 YOU REALLY READ THEM, YOU KNOW THAT OUT OF THIS 1,280 ACRES, 7
19 ACRES IS BEING SET ASIDE. THAT LEAVES THE MAJORITY OF THE
20 LAND. IT'S GOING TO BE UNDERGROUND. IT SHOULD NOT IMPACT THE
21 AREA AT ALL. AND I THINK THAT IF YOU HAVE SEEN A MODERN OIL
22 FIELD, YOU KNOW HOW THEY ARE COMPATIBLE WITH LIFE. WE'RE
23 MEMBERS OF THE HIKING ASSOCIATION THERE IN WHITTIER, THE
24 FIELDS. AND WE HIKE THE HILLS ALL THE TIME. AND IT CAN
25 COEXIST.



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. I NEED TO ASK YOU TO
3 CONCLUDE.

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5 **VIRGINIA BELL:** OKAY. SO WHAT I WOULD SAY IS YOU REALLY NEED TO
6 READ THE PROPOSAL. THE MISREPRESENTATION, THE INACCURACIES
7 TODAY ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE. THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY
10 AND FOR YOUR COOPERATION. MA'AM?

11

12 **MARTA BORBON:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS MARTA BORBON, I AM A
13 WHITTIER RESIDENT AND FOUNDING MEMBER OF WOW. I JUST WANT TO
14 SAY THAT THE CITY COUNCIL HAS COMPLETELY DISREGARDED THE LINES
15 OF CITIZENS, DISREGARDED GEOLOGISTS, NURSES, DOCTORS,
16 COUNSELORS, TEACHERS, PEOPLE FROM ALL ACADEMIC SPECIALS,
17 DISREGARDED THE E.I.R., DISREGARDED EVERYONE, INCLUDING YOU.
18 THEY DISREGARDED LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THEY WENT TO DRILL
19 WITHOUT YOUR APPROVAL. I BELIEVE THEY WENT IN COMPLETE
20 DISREGARD OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. WE WERE TOLD DURING A
21 CITY HALL MEETING THAT THE CITY OF WHITTIER HAD BEEN IN
22 COMMUNICATION WITH THE COUNTY. BUT LATER FOUND OUT THAT THIS
23 WAS NOT TRUE. AND THE CITY COUNCIL HAD TO BACK PEDDLE AND
24 CHANGE THEIR STORY. REGARDING THE LADY SAID THAT ALL THE
25 BUSINESSES IN WHITTIER, NO, IT'S NOT TRUE BECAUSE I WALKED UP



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1 AND DOWN UPTOWN WHITTIER, THEY ARE OPPOSING IT. JUDGE
2 SHELLFONT SAID IT WAS FOR PERPETUITY. HE SAID ON THE HILLS NOT
3 EVEN A POPCORN STAND SHOULD BE BUILT ON THERE. AND THEN
4 BROUGHT A LETTER HERE FROM SAYING -- WHERE IS SHE? RIGHT HERE?
5 COME ON HERE, IT'S SAYING "ON BEHALF OF THE CONSERVANCY, WE
6 OBJECT THE ANY DISPOSITION OF THE LAND THAT IS INCONSISTENT
7 WITH PROPOSITION"A". PLEASE SAVE THIS FOR OUR CHILDREN. THANK
8 YOU.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR
11 TESTIMONY. MA'AM?

12

13 **GUADALUPE SAHAGUN GARCIA:** YES, GOOD MORNING -- GOOD AFTERNOON,
14 SUPERVISORS.

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** MA'AM?

17

18 **GUADALUPE SAHAGUN GARCIA:** MY NAME GUADALUPE SAHAGUN GARCIA.
19 AND I LIVE IN WHITTIER. I'M HERE TO URGE THIS BOARD TO NOT
20 ALLOW PROP "A" LAND TO BE RELEASED FROM PROTECTED STATUS TO
21 ALLOW AN OIL COMPANY AND THE ROGUE CITY OF WHITTIER TO DESTROY
22 LAND THAT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED AS OPEN SPACE FOREVER. THE
23 SPIRIT AND INTENT OF PROP "A" IS TO PRESERVE, NOT TO EXPLORE
24 AND DESTROY LAND. IF YOU ALLOW THIS PROJECT TO GO FORWARD, YOU
25 WILL BE SETTING A PRECEDENT FOR ALL PROP "A" LANDS NOW



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1 PROTECTED AND TO BECOME SUBJECT TO DEVELOPMENT. THIS IS NOT
2 WHAT THE COUNTY VOTERS INTENDED WHEN WE VOTED PROP "A"
3 THROUGH. AND I AM ALSO A DOCENT AND A TRAIL WATCH VOLUNTEER
4 FOR THE HABITAT AUTHORITY, SO I CAN SPEAK AS TO THE FUNDING TO
5 FOR THE HABITAT THAT PEOPLE ARE GOING PRESUME IS GOING TO BE
6 GONE AND OUT OF BUSINESS. THAT'S NOT SO. THE HABITAT,
7 AUTHORITY WITH THE MONEY FROM THE LANDFILL HAS BUILT UP AN
8 ENDOWMENT OF 29 MILLION DOLLARS WHICH THEY HAVE INVESTED
9 OBVIOUSLY AND THEY PUT OUT A LETTER, OR AN ARTICLE ON THE WEB.
10 IT'S TITLED "THE PUENTE HILLS LANDFILL CLOSURE, THE HABITAT
11 AUTHORITY WILL CONTINUE ON." SO THEY WILL CONTINUE ON. THIS IS
12 NOT THE END WITH THE LANDFILL CLOSURE. HABITAT WILL NOT GO
13 AWAY. AND THE OIL MONEY WASN'T NEEDED FOR REVENUE TO KEEP THIS
14 GOING. THANK YOU.

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
17 MA'AM?

18

19 **THERESA WILKINSON:** MY NAME IS THERESA WILKINSON. I WAS RAISED
20 IN WHITTIER LESS THAN THREE MILES DOWNWIND OF THE POWEREEN OIL
21 PROCESSING FACILITY IN SANTA FE SPRINGS. OF A HOUSEHOLD OF
22 EIGHT, FOUR OF US HAVE FOUGHT OVARIAN, UTERINE AND TESTINCULAR
23 CANCER AND THREE WOMEN IN THE GROUP HAVE HAD HYSTERECTOMIES
24 FOR REPRODUCTIVE PROBLEMS. I CAN GO ON AND ON. L.A. TIMES
25 ARTICLE ABOUT THE ALENCO DRILLING SITE AND THE UNIVERSITY PARK



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1 AREA OF SOUTH LOS ANGELES AND THE PROBLEMS IT'S CAUSING WITH
2 THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE THERE. I AM HERE TO SAY THINK OF THE
3 PEOPLE. PLEASE BE THE COOLER HEADS THAT PREVAIL. PLEASE DO NOT
4 ALLOW GREED TO RUIN HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF LIVES OF THOSE OF
5 US WHO LIVE IN THE DANGER ZONE ON THIS PROJECT AND THE MANY
6 OTHER BEAUTIFUL AREAS THAT WILL BE THREATENED THROUGHOUT THE
7 COUNTY IF YOU ALLOW THIS CRAZINESS TO GO FORTH. THANK YOU FOR
8 LISTENING.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
11 AND WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. DR. WILLIAMS?

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13 **DR. TOM WILLIAMS:** DR. TOM WILLIAMS, L.A. 32 NEIGHBORHOOD
14 COUNCIL, SIERRA CLUB AND THE CITIZENS' COALITION FOR SAFE
15 COMMUNITY. MANY YEARS AGO WE BOUGHT THIS LAND. WE. THE PEOPLE
16 BOUGHT THE LAND. IT WASN'T PROP "A". IT WAS THE PEOPLE THAT
17 BOUGHT THIS LAND. IT'S OUR TAXES. IT'S OUR MONEY THAT BOUGHT
18 THIS LAND. NOT PROP "A". SO, WE THE PEOPLE. WE THE PEOPLE
19 FOUND OUT MAYBE SEVEN YEARS AGO THAT THERE WAS SOME MOVEMENT
20 BEING DONE TO ALLOW OIL DRILLING. WE ASKED, WE ASKED, WE
21 ASKED, WHAT DID WE GET? NOT MUCH. WHAT DO WE KNOW NOW? OH,
22 WHEN WE BOUGHT IT, WE BOUGHT ALL OF THE PROPERTY, BOTH SURFACE
23 RIGHTS AND SUBSURFACE. AND THOSE CONDITIONS THAT WERE APPLIED
24 TO THE SUBSURFACE RIGHTS, HUH, WERE THEY? YES, THEY WERE. THEY



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1 WERE PART OF THE ORIGINAL APPLICATION OF THE CONDITIONS AND
2 TERMS TO ALL PROPERTIES WITHIN THAT SITE.

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR YOUR
5 TESTIMONY. SIR?

6

7 **CRAIG LEBOW:** GOOD AFTERNOON, I'M CRAIG LEBOW. I'M A 15-YEAR
8 RESIDENT OF THE CITY OF WHITTIER. I'M ALSO VICE PRESIDENT OF
9 THE WHITTIER HILLS OIL WATCH. I JUST WANT TO MAKE A POINT THAT
10 THERE WAS NEVER A BALLOT MEASURE IN THE CITY OF WHITTIER
11 DURING ANY KIND OF A CITY ELECTION TO VOTE FOR OR AGAINST THE
12 OIL PROJECT. IN FULL BREACH OF THE LAND SALES AGREEMENT
13 PROPOSITION "A" OUR CITY INITIATED A CHANGE IN LAND USE,
14 ENTERED INTO A LESS AGREEMENT, ISSUED A C.U.P. TO MATRIX OIL
15 AND CLAYTON WILLIAMS ENERGY AND BEGAN THE WHITTIER MAIN FIELD
16 OIL PROJECT. THE WHITTIER CITY COUNCIL HAS BROUGHT SHAME TO
17 OUR CITY BY CHARGING HEAD LONG INTO THE OIL PROJECT WITH
18 UNILATERAL VISION, MISGUIDED BY LEGAL COUNSEL, CONSULTANTS,
19 LOBBYISTS AND MISSTEPS, OUR CITY HAS THUMBED THEIR NOSES AT
20 THE AUTHORS, THE BENEFACTORS, AND THE CONTENT OF PROPOSITION
21 "A". THE LACK OF DUE DILIGENCE WITHOUT SEEKING APPROVAL AND A
22 PROJECT PERMITS ON THE DISTRICT, THE CITY FINDS ITSELF HERE
23 TODAY AGAIN ON THE BACKS OF TAX PAYING CITIZENS WHILE OUR
24 COUNTY BOARD RIGHTFULLY UPHOLDS THE TEN ELTS OF TAXPAYER-
25 FUNDED PROPOSITION "A". I WISH TO THANK THE COUNTY BOARD FOR



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1 RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF TODAY'S HEARING AND UPHOLDING
2 THE INTENT OF THE PROPOSITION. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. LADIES AND
5 GENTLEMEN LET ME CALL THE BALANCE OF THE SPEAKERS. THE LAST
6 PERSON WHOSE NAME I WILL CALL WILL BE THE FINAL SPEAKER. WE
7 HAVE YET A WAYS TO GO. LET'S GET ON WITH IT. JACOB AHUMADA,
8 ARE YOU HERE OR DO YOU WISH TO BE HEARD OR PASS? PLEASE COME
9 FORWARD. DAVID BANUELAS? I'M SORRY, DAVID? ALL RIGHT. BERKELEY
10 STEWART? PLEASE COME FORWARD IF YOU WISH TO BE HEARD. ANTHONY
11 MARTINEZ? IS MR. MARTINEZ HERE? ROSE SCOTT? JOHN YOUNG? IS
12 JOHN HERE? WISH TO BE HEARD, SIR? PLEASE COME FORWARD. ERIC
13 PREVEN? CECELIA PEREZ. ALL RIGHT. OPPOSE BUT IS NO LONGER
14 PRESENT. NORM WILKINSON? MR. WILKINSON, YOU WISH TO BE HEARD?
15 PLEASE COME FORWARD. ELISE ABREGO? PLEASE COME FORWARD. SANDRA
16 SALCEDO? NO LONGER HERE? JOHN MYERS? PLEASE COME FORWARD. ROMI
17 RUBIO? NO LONGER HERE? MATT BERKELHAMMER? ARE YOU HERE? IS
18 MATT HERE? OKAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ALEXANDRA NAGY? THANK
19 YOU VERY MUCH. YOUR DOCUMENTS ARE SUBMITTED. WE TAKE NOTE OF
20 THAT. SHELLY MYERS? PLEASE COME FORWARD. PAM REID? SHEILA
21 GOLDNER? ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. GABRIELLA GONZALES?
22 THANK YOU. SUSAN DEAN? SUSAN STILL HERE? ALL RIGHT. SHE'S NO
23 LONGER HERE. SHE INDICATES THAT SHE'S IN FAVOR. IRVIN
24 BARRAGAN? IRVIN? INDICATES THAT HE IS OPPOSED BUT IS NO LONGER
25 HERE. MARY ELLEN STROTE? IN OPPOSITION. NO LONGER HERE. DENIC



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1 AKBASOGLU? ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. JACQUELINE PRADRADO?
2 JACQUELINE, ARE YOU STILL HERE? IN OPPOSITION. MIKE COLLINS?
3 MICHAEL, ARE YOU HERE? IN OPPOSITION. NO LONGER HERE. MARILYN
4 KAMIMURA? MARILYN? YOU'D LIKE TO SPEAK? PLEASE COME FORWARD.
5 AMELIA GARCIA? AMELIA IS NO LONGER HERE. YES. AMELIA GARCIA.
6 OKAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. HOLLY OVERIN? HOLLY? DO YOU WISH TO
7 BE HEARD, MA'AM? PLEASE COME FORWARD. JOHN WALSH, DO YOU WISH
8 TO BE HEARD? PLEASE COME FORWARD. CHARELL CHARLIE? PLEASE COME
9 FORWARD. FINAL SPEAKER IS MICHAEL KLUBNIKIN. ALL RIGHT. LADIES
10 AND GENTLEMEN, THE LAST NAME THAT I CALLED WILL BE THE FINAL
11 SPEAKER ON THE ITEM. WE HAVE SEVERAL PERSONS BEFORE US. IT'S
12 YOUR TURN TO BE HEARD. I'LL BEGIN TO MY LEFT AND WE'LL PROCEED
13 ACCORDINGLY. SIR? HELLO? PLEASE.

14

15 **JOHN YOUNG:** OH, THANK YOU. IT WAS OUT OF ORDER. NOW I'M OUT OF
16 ORDER. CHAIRMAN, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR HEARING OUR CONCERNS
17 AND FOR RUNNING THIS PROGRAM SO WELL.

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

20

21 **JOHN YOUNG:** MY NAME IS JOHN YOUNG. I LIVE IN WHITTIER. I
22 REPRESENT THE WEST WHITTIER HILL HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION THAT
23 WAS FORMED TO PROTECT THE CITIZENS IN THAT AREA AFTER THE
24 MATRIX OIL WELL EXPLODED IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD. SO THERE HAVE
25 BEEN INCIDENTS IN WHITTIER. WE WERE AS MUCH PROTECTING



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1 OURSELVES FROM THE CITY COUNCIL AS ANYTHING ELSE. MATRIX
2 TURNED OUT TO BE A REASONABLE PARTNER, BUT THE ISSUE THAT I
3 HAVE IS WITH OUR CITY COUNCIL. THEY ARE NOT REPRESENTING US.
4 THEY ARE NOT REPRESENTING THE COUNTY OF L.A. THEY ARE NOT
5 REPRESENTING DECENT GOVERNMENT. I THANK YOU FOR STICKING TO
6 YOUR RECOMMENDATION.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
9 WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER. MA'AM?

10

11 **BERKELEY STEWART:** I'M BERKELEY STEWART. I HAVE LIVED AT A
12 HOUSE ON NEWLAND AVENUE, WHICH IS JUST A COUPLE BLOCKS FROM
13 WHERE THE HILLS START IN WHITTIER AND RAISED MY THREE CHILDREN
14 THERE FOR THE LAST 20 SOMETHING YEARS. AND SPEAKERS TODAY HAVE
15 MOSTLY ADDRESSED EVERYTHING THAT I HAD IN MIND TO SAY, BUT
16 REPRESENTATIVES FROM MATRIX DID MENTION A COUPLE OF THINGS.
17 ONE WAS THE MANY RESTRICTIONS AND THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS
18 THAT THEY HAVE BEEN REQUIRED TO HAVE IN THE AGREEMENT THAT
19 THEY HAVE WITH THE CITY, BUT OIL COMPANIES HAVE A DISTINCT
20 REPUTATION OF PROMISING ANYTHING TO ANYBODY TO GET WHAT THEY
21 WANT AND THEN DELIVERING ALMOST NOTHING WHEN ACCIDENTS HAPPEN.
22 EXCEPT TO THEIR SHAREHOLDERS. MY FAMILY KNOWS ABOUT THIS
23 BECAUSE I'M FROM ARKANSAS AND MY BROTHER LIVES IN MAYFLOWER,
24 ONE OF THE MOST RECENT LOCATIONS OF AN OIL-RELATED ACCIDENT
25 THAT NO ONE COULD HAVE EVER PREDICTED. ALSO, THEY MENTIONED



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1 THE COMMUNITY INPUT. AND IT IS VERY DISPIRITING TO MANY OF US
2 AND WHY WE'RE STILL SPEAKING THAT THE WHITTIER CITY COUNCIL
3 OPERATED THE HEARINGS WHERE CITY RESIDENTS WERE ALLOWED TO
4 SPEAK ON THIS MATTER IN THE DISTINCT STYLE OF THE CLASSICAL
5 KANGAROO COURT. PROBABLY 10 TIMES THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE SHOWED
6 UP TO SPEAK AGAINST THIS TRAVESTY AS FOR IT. PROBABLY MORE.
7 AND WITH ENORMOUS ELOQUENCE. YET IT WAS EXCEEDINGLY CLEAR TO
8 ALL THAT THE COUNCIL WAS UNIVERSALLY AND IMPLAQUABLY GOING TO
9 GO FORWARD WITH DRILLING NO MATTER THE OPINION OF THE PEOPLE
10 WHICH THEY HAVE.

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. MISS STEWART, YOU'LL
13 NEED TO CONCLUDE, PLEASE.

14

15 **BERKELEY STEWART:** ONE SECOND.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT.

18

19 **BERKELEY STEWART:** THE FEW OPEN SPACES LEFT IN THE HUGE URBAN
20 AREA OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ARE LIKE THE LUNGS OF A PHYSICAL
21 SPACE. THEY MAKE THE AIR MORE BREATHABLE AND OUR LIVES MORE
22 LIVABLE. PLEASE PRESERVE AND PROTECT THEM FOR THE BENEFIT OF
23 OUR CHILDREN AND THEIR CHILDREN AND ALSO AS AN EXAMPLE OF THE
24 COURAGE TO OPTIMISTICALLY FACE OUR CHALLENGING FUTURE, LEAVING



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1 OUTDATED FOSSIL FUEL EXTRACTION BEHIND AND SHOWING THE WAY TO
2 A RICHLY SUSTAINABLE FUTURE FOR US ALL.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH
5 FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. YOUNG MAN?

6

7 **JACOB AHUMADA:** MY NAME IS JACOB AHUMADA. I'M OPPOSED TO THE
8 DRILLING IN THE WHITTIER HILLS. SO MUCH SO THAT I SPEAK BEFORE
9 YOU ALL IN SPITE OF THE TERROR I FEEL WHEN ADDRESSING A LARGE
10 GROUP OF PEOPLE. SPEAKERS BEFORE AND AFTER MYSELF ARE MORE
11 QUALIFIED TO SPEAK THE LEGAL AND HISTORICAL COMPONENTS OF THIS
12 MATTER SO INSTEAD I WILL SHARE YOU A CONCISE AS I MAKE MY
13 PILGRIMAGE TO THESE HILLS AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF WE THE PEOPLE
14 SOME OF US COULDN'T SHOW UP TODAY. IT IS REFUGE FROM THE
15 COCOPHANY OF THE CITY. FROM THE FOUL, RANCID SMELLS OF EXHUST
16 FUMES, FROM INCESSANT VISUAL ASSAULT OF THE ADVERTISEMENTS. IN
17 THIS REFUGE I ENGAGE IN A ARDUOUS CHALLENGING MEDITATION. I
18 IMPROVE MY PHYSIQUE, MY HEALTH, MY EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING, MY
19 INTELLECT AND MY ARTISTIC SKILLS. WHEN I REACH THE SUMMIT, I
20 CAST MY CURIOUS EYES ON THE MASSIVE GEOMETRIC TECHNOCENTRIC
21 LANDSCAPE. I CAST MY CURIOUS EYES ON THE ORGANIC NATURAL
22 LANDSCAPE. THIS BEAUTIFUL LIVING CREATURE BEFORE YOU CASTS ITS
23 EYES ON THE NEARBY CEMETERY ON THESE DICHOTOMIES I REFLECT.
24 LET ME MAKE MY POSITION EXPLICIT TO THOSE ATTEMPTING TO
25 UNDERMINE THE VOTERS. YOUR PESTILENCE IS UNWANTED AND



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1 UNNEEDED. YOUR POLLUTION IS UNWANTED AND UNNEEDED. YOUR
2 UNSIGHTLY MACHINERY IS UNWANTED AND UNNEEDED. YOUR HEALTH
3 RISKS ARE UNWANTED AND UNNEEDED, THAT'S RIGHT. ALSO OUT OF
4 CURIOSITY. HOW CAN YOU PRESERVE BY MODIFYING? HOW CAN YOU
5 RESTORE NATURE BY ERECTING MACHINERY IN ITS PLACE? THE ANSWER
6 IS YOU CAN'T. THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
9 SIR?

10

11 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES, MY NAME IS ERIC PREVEN AND I AM THE COUNTRY
12 RESIDENT FROM DISTRICT 3. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR
13 YAROSLAVSKY AND SUPERVISOR MOLINA FOR LEADING THE CHARGE TO
14 REWRITE PROP "A" SO THIS WILL NEVER HAPPEN AGAIN. I WOULD LIKE
15 TO-- I COMPOSED A SHORT HAIKU ON THE SUBJECT. "OPEN SPACES."
16 THAT'S THE TITLE. "HELP US, B.O.S., FIGHT FOR THE INTEGRITY,
17 STAND UP TO MATRIX." SO THAT'S MY HAIKU. THE QUESTION IS: THE
18 CITY COUNCIL OF WHITTIER WENT FORWARD WITH THIS PLAN, AND THE
19 QUESTION IS: WHAT IN THE WORLD COULD HAVE POSSIBLY INFLUENCED
20 THEM TO DO THAT? AND THE ANSWER IS DISTRICT 4 SUPERVISOR, DON
21 KNABE, AND MATT KNABE AND MITCH, NOT MITCH, SORRY, HARVEY
22 ENGLANDER. YOU COULD LOOK AT THE WHITTIER HILLS WATCH SITE.
23 THERE IS DISCLOSURES ON THE FORM 700 THAT THEY WENT OUT AND
24 DISCUSSED THESE ISSUES, WHETHER THEY DISCUSSED THESE ISSUES OR
25 OTHER ISSUES WE'LL NEVER KNOW, RIGHT? BUT THE BOTTOM LINE IS



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1 THAT THE INFLUENCE DEPARTMENT IN THESE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS NEEDS
2 TO BE CHECKED. TEN PERCENT OF THE PEOPLE VOTED WHITTIER. IT'S
3 NOT A REPRESENTATIVE SAMPLE OF WHAT THE PEOPLE REALLY BELIEVE.
4 AND YOU SHOULD KNOW, SIR, AS WELL AS ANYONE, THAT WE NEED TO
5 GET CONTROL OF THESE MATTERS IN THIS HOUSE AND IN ALL THE
6 SMALL HOUSES THAT ARE IN OUR COUNTY.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.

9 SIR?

10

11 **NORM WILKINSON:** GOOD DAY. MY NAME'S NORM WILKINSON. I LIVE IN
12 WHITTIER. AND I'D LIKE THE BOARD TO FOLLOW THE MONEY. AN EMAIL
13 DATED OCTOBER 27, 2009 FROM MATRIX OIL REPRESENTATIVE J.C.
14 MCFARLAND TO WHITTIER COUNCILMAN BOB HENDERSON AND WHITTIER
15 CITY MANAGER STEVE HELLVY. IT TALKS ABOUT MATRIX OIL BEING
16 INVITED TO PURCHASE TICKETS TO THIS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STATE
17 OF THE COUNTY ADDRESS ON NOVEMBER 4, 2009. I'M GOING TO QUOTE
18 IT VERBATIM. "BOB AND STEVE, IS THIS SOMETHING THAT MATRIX OIL
19 SHOULD DO IN ORDER TO CURRY FAVOR WITH KNABE, RE: PROP "A"?
20 FRANKLY, THAT'S THE ONLY BASIS ON WHICH I OR THEY WOULD BE
21 INTERESTED. REGARDS, MACK." AND I'D LIKE TO SUBMIT THOSE
22 EMAILS AND THE REMAINDER OF MY REMARKS TO THE COUNCIL IF I
23 COULD.

24



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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR
2 TESTIMONY. YOU MAY DO SO RIGHT HERE TO THE SERGEANT AND HE
3 WILL MAKE SURE COUNCIL IS IN RECEIPT OF IT. THANK YOU. MA'AM?

4

5 **ELISE ABREGO:** MY NAME IS ELISE AUBREGO. I ASK THE BOARD TO NOT
6 FALL TO THE TEMPTATION OF MONEY AS THE CITY OF WHITTIER HAS.
7 PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW THE CITY OF WHITTIER'S REQUEST TO DISPOSE
8 OF A PORTION OF THE PARK AND CHANGE THE LAND USE TO OIL
9 DRILLING. IF YOU DO ALLOW THIS CHANGE OF USE AND RELEASE OF
10 LAND FROM PROP "A" PROTECTION, OTHER PROTECTED OPEN SPACE IN
11 L.A. COUNTY IS VULNERABLE TO OIL DRILLING FACILITIES AS OIL
12 FIRMS WILL SEE HOW EASY IT IS TO ENTICE ELECTED OFFICIALS TO
13 BREAK THE TRUST WITH THEIR CONSTITUENTS. THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
16 WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

17

18 **JOHN MYERS:** MY NAME IS JOHN MYERS. I AM A 50-YEAR RESIDENT OF
19 THE CITY OF WHITTIER. I AM OPPOSED TO THIS PROJECT. I THINK
20 APPROVAL OF THIS PROJECT WOULD SET A VERY DANGEROUS PRECEDENT
21 FOR USE OF OTHER PROPOSITION "A" MONIES. ANY MONIES GENERATED
22 FROM THE PROPERTY IS SUPPOSED TO BE USED FOR PURPOSES
23 CONSISTENT WITH PROPOSITION "A" REQUIREMENTS; THAT IS,
24 BASICALLY RECREATION. BUT THE CITY WANTS THE REVENUE FOR
25 GENERAL CITY PURPOSES. SETTING OIL REVENUES ASIDE IN A



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1 SEPARATE ENDOWMENT TYPE ACCOUNT, WHICH THE CITY HAS SET UP,
2 WOULD NOT CHANGE THE RESTRICTION OF THE USE OF THAT MONEY WHEN
3 PAID OUT OF THAT ENDOWMENT FUND. THE CITY COUNCIL ASSUMES THE
4 MONIES WOULD BE FOR GENERAL CITY USE. CLEARLY AN UNSETTLED
5 ISSUE LEADING TO MORE LAWSUITS. I THINK THAT YOU SHOULD VOTE
6 NO FOR THIS PROJECT.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** AND WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR
9 TESTIMONY, SIR. SIR?

10

11 **MATT BERKELHAMMER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
12 MATT BERKELHAMMER. AND I'VE LIVED FOR 28 YEARS IN THE
13 UNINCORPORATED PART OF THE COUNTY IN DON KNABE'S SUPERVISORIAL
14 DISTRICT. I'VE THROWN OUT MOST OF MY SPEECH. I JUST HAVE A
15 COUPLE OF POINTS I WANT TO MAKE. FIRST ABOUT MISINFORMATION.
16 THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF TALK ABOUT MISINFORMATION HERE TODAY.
17 THE FIRST THING TO KEEP IN MIND IS THAT THE RESIDENTS OF
18 WHITTIER HAVE NEVER VOTED ON APPROVING THE OIL PROJECT.
19 DESPITE REPEATED ATTEMPTS BY MANY OF US IN THE COMMUNITY TO
20 GET THEM TO PUT A BALLOT PROPOSITION ON THE BALLOT, THEY
21 ARROGANTLY REFUSED. AT ALL OF THE HEARINGS THAT WERE HELD IN
22 WHITTIER OVER THE COURSE OF THREE YEARS, THE RESPONSE WAS
23 SOMEWHAT COMPARABLE TO WHAT WE HAVE TODAY: HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE
24 REPRESENTING ALL WALKS OF LIFE, DIVERSE BY AGE, BY RACE, BY
25 ECONOMIC STATUS CAME OUT IN DROVES TO OPPOSE THE PROJECT, AND



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1 A SMALL HANDFUL OF PEOPLE CONNECTED TO MATRIX AND THE OLD
2 GUARD IN WHITTIER SUPPORTED IT. FINALLY, I JUST WANT TO SAY
3 THAT YOU HAVE BEFORE YOU SOME -- FINALLY SOME OBJECTIVE
4 INFORMATION WITHOUT THE SPIN. YOU HAVE YOUR COUNTY COUNSEL'S
5 RECOMMENDATION. YOU HAVE YOUR DISTRICT'S RECOMMENDATION. YOU
6 HAVE YOUR CONSULTANTS' RECOMMENDATION. YOU HAVE THE JUDGE'S
7 RULING. THEY ALL MAKE SENSE. THEY'RE ALL REASONABLE. THEY'RE
8 ALL SUPPORTABLE. AND I HOPE YOU WILL BE GUIDED BY THE
9 RECOMMENDATIONS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
12 MA'AM?

13

14 **SHELLY MYERS:** GOOD DAY, HONORABLE SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU FOR
15 YOUR SERVICE TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY. IT IS VERY MUCH
16 APPRECIATED. MY NAME IS SHELLY MYERS, AND I LIVE IN WHITTIER.
17 I AM HERE TO ASK THIS BOARD TO OPPOSE ANY AND ALL OIL AND
18 NATURAL GAS DRILLING ON PROP "A" LAND AS A VIOLATION OF THE
19 PUBLIC TRUST. THIS OPPOSITION WOULD ALSO STOP THE PRECEDENT
20 FOR THE INAPPROPRIATE USE OF PUBLIC FUNDS AS THE CURRENT CASE
21 OF THE WHITTIER CITY COUNCIL'S BAIT AND SWITCH TACTIC IMPLIES
22 INVOLVING L.A. COUNTY VOTER-APPROVED FUNDING AND ITS LONGER
23 TERM USE OR PERHAPS MISUSE. I HUMBL Y ENCOURAGE LOS ANGELES
24 COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO REJECT THE WHITTIER OIL



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1 DRILLING PROJECT AND ALSO TO REJECT THE SETTLEMENT BETWEEN
2 WHITTIER AND M.R.C.A. IN ITS ENTIRETY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT
5 SPEAKER. MA'AM?

6

7 **SPEAKER:** HI, I ALSO HAD A TWO-MINUTE CAREFULLY TIMED TALK THAT
8 I AM GETTING RID OF. I JUST WANT TO SAY WHEN I MOVED TO
9 WHITTIER IN '76, THE ORIGINAL FIGHTS FOR THE HILLS WERE
10 ALREADY STARTING. AND MYSELF AND THE ORIGINAL FRIENDS OF THE
11 WHITTIER HILLS, HUNDREDS AND THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE THAT HELPED
12 SAVE THE HILLS, WE'VE BEEN AT THIS SINCE THE '70S. AND I CAN'T
13 BELIEVE I HAD TO COME BACK HERE TO SAVE THEM AGAIN WHEN WE
14 ALREADY SAVED THEM. HERE'S MY PROP "A" BUTTON WE WORE WHEN WE
15 WENT DOOR-TO-DOOR TO ASK PEOPLE TO VOTE FOR THIS. THE
16 ENTHUSIASM FOR THIS OPEN SPACE IS HUGE. PEOPLE USE IT. PEOPLE
17 LOVE IT. COME ON OUT AND SEE WHAT THEY WANT TO DO AND WHERE
18 THEY WANT TO HURT IT. AND YOU'LL SEE WHY A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE
19 UPSET. AND I JUST WANT TO SAY ONE THING FROM MY ORIGINAL
20 PAPER. IF THEY WANTED TO STRIPMINE YOSEMITE VALLEY TO EARN
21 MONEY TO EXTEND YELLOWSTONE, I DON'T THINK ANYBODY WOULD THINK
22 THAT'S A GOOD IDEA. SO, THANK YOU FOR HAVING US.

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
25 SIR?



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2 **DENIC AKBASOGLU:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS DENIC AKBASOGLU.
3 I'D LIKE TO ECHO THE SENTIMENTS OF EVERYONE WHO'S OPPOSED TO
4 OIL DRILLING. I'D LIKE TO ALSO HAD A TWO MINUTE SPEECH. BUT
5 WE'RE TALKING ABOUT EMISSIONS, TALKING ABOUT EARTHQUAKES AND
6 WATER, AND REALISTICALLY WHAT WE'RE REALLY TALKING ABOUT IS
7 PEOPLE'S LIVES. ALL THESE THINGS ARE SUPPOSEDLY GOVERNED BY
8 LAW AND PROPOSITION "A" IS A LAW. IT'S PASSED. RIGHT NOW THERE
9 ARE MANY FORCES WORKING TO NULLIFY THAT LAW. SO HERE'S THE
10 POINT. IF PROPOSITION "A" IS NULLIFIED, IT WOULD BE ADMITTING
11 THAT VOTING IS THEATER. SO IS VOTING THEATER? OR NOT? AND TO
12 THAT POINT, I ASK YOU WHETHER YOUR OATH IS THEATER OR NOT?
13 BECAUSE EVERY PERSON ON THIS DIAS DID TAKE AN OATH TO PROTECT
14 THE CITIZENS OF WHERE EVER YOU'RE REPRESENTING WITH THE U.S.
15 AND CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTIONS. AND I'LL DIRECT YOU TO ARTICLE
16 1, LIFE, LIBERTY AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS. AS THE E.I.R.
17 CONCEDES, NONE OF THESE ARE POSSIBLE WITH OIL DRILLING. SO,
18 YEAH, UPHOLD YOUR OATH. THAT'S REALLY ALL I'M ASKING.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY,
21 SIR. MA'AM?

22

23 **MARILYN KAMIMURA:** GOOD AFTERNOON.

24

25 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** GOOD AFTERNOON.



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2 **MARILYN KAMIMURA:** I'M MARILYN KAMIMURA, CHAIRMAN OF THE CLEAN

3 AIR COALITION OF NORTH WHITTIER AND AVOCADO HEIGHTS. WE WERE

4 ESTABLISHED TO PROTECT AND KEEP HARM FROM THE PEOPLE OF OUR

5 COMMUNITY. WE'RE RESIDENTS OF THE UNINCORPORATED WHITTIER

6 ADJACENT TO THE LARGEST LANDFILL IN THE UNITED STATES, THE

7 PUENTE HILLS LANDFILL. HAVING LIVED WITH THE BURDEN OF TRASH

8 FOR OVER 43 YEARS RESULTING IN INCREASED DIESEL POLLUTION FROM

9 TRUCKS, NOISE, FOUL AIR AND BLACK DUST, WE HAVE A COMMON

10 PLIGHT WITH THE RESIDENTS OF WHITTIER CITY ADJACENT TO THE

11 MATRIX OIL AND DRILLING PROJECT. WE ARE HERE TO SUPPORT THEM

12 IN THEIR FIGHT TO PRESERVE THEIR QUALITY OF LIFE AND THEIR

13 HEALTH AND HOME AS WE ARE. AS TAXPAYERS WHO PASSED PROPOSITION

14 "A", WE BELIEVE IT WAS A PROMISE THAT THE MONIES WOULD BE USED

15 TO PRESERVE, NOT TO BE MISUSED FOR FINANCIAL GAIN. WE ASK THE

16 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO ENFORCE THIS PROMISE AND TO DENY THE

17 LEASE BETWEEN THE CITY OF WHITTIER AND MATRIX. LASTLY, OUR

18 COMMUNITY WAS ALSO PROMISED THAT THE BURDEN OF TRASH WOULD BE

19 LIFTED WHEN THE PUENTE HILLS LANDFILL CLOSED. THE LANDFILL IS

20 CLOSING. THE BURDEN WAS RETURNED. THE L.A. COUNTY REGIONAL

21 PLANNING COMMISSIONERS APPROVED THE PUENTE HILLS MATERIAL

22 RECOVERY FACILITY WITHOUT A SUBSEQUENT AND SUPPLEMENTAL E.I.R.

23 TO OPERATE 24 HOURS MONDAY THROUGH SUNDAY. THE LANDFILL WAS

24 CLOSED ON SUNDAY. NOW WE HAVE NO DAY OF REST. THIS BOARD IN

25 1999 MITIGATED THIS PROJECT TO LIMIT HOURS OF OPERATION, ONLY



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1 TO ALLOW L.A. COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSIONERS TO BREAK
2 THIS PROMISE TO US. WE ASK THIS BOARD TO RIGHT ANOTHER WRONG.
3 THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT, MA'AM, WE THANK YOU
6 FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. THANK YOU. PLEASE.

7

8 **HOLLY OVERIN:** THANK YOU. MY NAME IS HOLLY OVERIN. THANK YOU SO
9 MUCH L.A. COUNTY SUPERVISORS BOARD FOR HEARING US BECAUSE THE
10 CITY OF WHITTIER, WHEN WE CAME OUT THERE, THEY DID NOT. AND
11 WHAT CONCERNS ME, BESIDES THE OBVIOUS ENVIRONMENTAL AND
12 ATMOSPHERIC DEGRADATION IS HOW THE SPECTRE OF CORPORATE
13 PERSONHOOD, WHICH IS AN ACCIDENTAL COURT PRECEDENT WHICH ALSO
14 NEEDS AMENDMENT, BY THE WAY, ENDANGERS OUR DEMOCRACY. THE
15 LEASE AND DEED CONDITIONS OF PROP "A" COUNTY-FUNDED LAND
16 PRESERVATION WERE VOTED FOR BY THE PEOPLE. THE WHITTIER CITY
17 COUNCIL WENT OUT OF THEIR WAY WITH LEVERAGES, AS YOU KNOW,
18 SORT OF STRANGE LEGAL DERIVATIVES TO BYPASS AND CORRUPT THIS
19 AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PEOPLE AND THEIR VOTE FOR THE LAND, THE
20 HEALTH, THE PURPOSE OF PRESERVATION OF OUR DISAPPEARING
21 NATURAL HABITAT. THIS POWER PLAY FOR SHORT-TERM WEALTH SETS A
22 DANGEROUS PRECEDENT FOR OUR ENTIRE FUTURE AND THE FUTURE OF
23 OUR CHILDREN'S CHILDREN. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR HEARING US.

24



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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YOU'RE MORE THAN WELCOME. WE
2 THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. MA'AM?

3

4 **CHARELL CHARLIE:** HI, MY NAME IS CHARELL CHARLIE, I LIVE IN
5 PICO RIVERA. IN THE SPIRIT OF THINKING GLOBALLY, ACT LOCALLY.
6 HERE WE ARE. I RECENTLY LEARNED A DISTURBING FACT THAT SOUNDED
7 LIKE HYPERBOLE BUT IS ACTUALLY OVERWHELMING CONSENSUS AMONG
8 SCIENTISTS. IF WE BURN JUST ONE FIFTH OF THE EARTH'S FOSSIL
9 FUELS THAT WE ALREADY HAVE IN RESERVE, THEN THERE IS NO
10 STOPPING RUN-AWAY CLIMATE CHANGE. THERE WILL BE NOTHING HUMANS
11 CAN DO AT THAT POINT. THE LAST TIPPING POINT WILL BE REACHED.
12 AND MASS EXTINCTION WILL BE INEVITABLE. I DECIDED TO SHARE
13 THIS FACT WITH YOUR MAYOR, OWEN NEWCOMER, I ASKED HIM "IF THAT
14 IS TRUE, THEN ISN'T IT ALSO TRUE THAT ANYONE WHO ADVOCATES
15 EXTRACTING ANYMORE FOSSIL FUELS IS COMPLICIT IN THE MURDER-
16 SUICIDE OF LIFE ON EARTH?" AGAIN, IT SOUNDS LIKE HYPERBOLE BUT
17 WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT IT, IT'S TRUE. MAYOR NEWCOMER RESPONDED,
18 QUOTE "WELL, JUST BECAUSE WE'RE GOING TO EXTRACT IT DOESN'T
19 MEAN WE'RE GOING TO BURN IT." I SUPPOSE THIS IS ALL HE COULD
20 COME UP WITH TO COUNTER MY ARGUMENT. THIS IS THE MINDSET WE'RE
21 UP AGAINST. THANK YOU.

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ALL RIGHT.
24 ADDITIONAL SPEAKERS, PLEASE.

25



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1 **JOHN WALSH:** JOHN WALSH, BLOGGING AT HOLLYWOOD HIGHLANDS.ORG,
2 SPEAKING FOR THE TEA PARTY. DRILL, BABY DRILL! WE ARE JUST
3 STARTING ON YOUR AREA, YOU FOLKS OUT HERE. AND EVERY SINGLE
4 PERSON HERE FROM WHITTIER IS A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY.
5 THEY WANT TO DESTROY AMERICA. WE NEED OIL. LOOK AT MY SKIN HOW
6 OILY IT IS. WE LOVE OIL. AND THESE, AND THAT LITTLE KID THAT
7 WAS HERE? HE'S NOT A LITTLE KID. HE'S A COMMUNIST MIDGET IN
8 DISGUISE. REMEMBER, IF YOU ARE A REPUBLICAN, YOU MUST VOTE FOR
9 OIL WELLS. THAT IS WHAT IT IS ABOUT. AND ANYBODY ELSE IS
10 TRYING TO DESTROY AMERICA. DRILL, BABY DRILL. AND IF THE
11 PEOPLE WHO GET CANCER WHO LIVE IN WHITTIER, YOU DESERVED IT
12 AND DON'T WORRY, WE HAVE ALL THESE WONDERFUL COUNTY HOSPITALS.
13 DRILL, BABY DRILL. JOHN WALSH, HOLLYWOOD HIGHLANDS.ORG.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. THANK YOU.
16 SIR?

17

18 **MICHAEL KLUBNIKIN:** MR. CHAIRMAN, HONORABLE BOARD, MICHAEL
19 KLUBNIKIN. AT THE RISK OF SOUNDING LIKE EDDIE HASKELL, I
20 COMMEND YOU IN HOW YOU HAVE ALLOWED AS MANY PEOPLE AS HERE AND
21 GIVEN THEM THE COURTESY AND NOT BEEN COMBATIVE WITH ANYBODY.
22 AND YOU LET THEM GO OVER THE TIME. SO I COMMEND YOU ON THAT.

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

25



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1 **MICHAEL KLUBNIKIN:** I AM A FOREIGNER. I'M FROM ORANGE COUNTY.
2 BUT I'M COMPELLED TO SPEAK BECAUSE I THINK THE TRIBE HAS
3 SPOKEN. YOU'VE GOT TO PUT THE FIRE, THIS OIL FIRE OUT. THE
4 BOTTOM LINE IS -- AND I THINK ONE OF YOUR COLLEAGUES VETTED IT
5 OUT -- THIS IS ABOUT SHENANIGANS IN A COURTROOM BY SOME SLICK
6 ATTORNEYS AND DOING SOME BACK DOOR DEALS AND CONFLICT OF
7 INTEREST AND YOU NAME IT. THERE'S SOME ARTICULATE PEOPLE THAT
8 GOT UP HERE AND REALLY SPELLED IT OUT. BUT IT'S A BAD DECISION
9 IF NOT CORRECTED AND ACKNOWLEDGED IS GOING TO REAR ITS HEAD AT
10 EVERY TURN. AND THIS IS A TEXTBOOK EXAMPLE, IF YOU GUYS VOTE
11 YEA, IT'S GOING TO BE A BAD DECISION. AND IT'S JUST GOING TO
12 REAR ITS UGLY HEAD. SO I HOPE YOU'LL HONOR THE PEOPLE.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WELL, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR
15 YOUR TESTIMONY. SIR?

16

17 **DIEGO RUBALCAVA-ALVAREZ:** HI, MY NAME IS DIEGO RUBALCAVA-
18 ALVAREZ. I LIVE IN PICO RIVERA WHICH IS GLORIA MOLINA'S
19 DISTRICT. WELL, I GUESS, QUESTION, ARE YOU GOING TO ARREST THE
20 PEOPLE FROM MATRIX AFTER AGENDA ITEM 1-P? OR ARE YOU GOING TO
21 WAIT UNTIL THE END OF THE WHOLE BOARD MEETING TO ARREST THE
22 PEOPLE FROM MATRIX AND ARREST THE WHITTIER CITY COUNCIL FOR
23 BREAKING THE LAW? YOU KNOW, LET ME KNOW WHEN THAT HAPPENS. OR
24 IF YOU DECIDE NOT TO ARREST THEM AND IT TURNS OUT THEY HAVE
25 THE LEGAL POWER TO DRILL, LET US KNOW WHEN THEY'RE GOING TO



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1 START DRILLING SO ALL OF YOU IN THE AUDIENCE AND ALL OF YOU UP
2 HERE CAN JOIN US IN THE WHITTIER HILLS TO DO SOME CIVIL
3 DISOBEDIENCE AND STAND ON THE GROUND WHERE THEY'RE GOING TO
4 DRILL SO THEY HAVE TO DRILL THROUGH OUR BODIES. IT'S MORE
5 DIRECTLY IF THEY DRILL THROUGH OUR BODIES THAN WAITING FOR THE
6 OIL TO GET ITS WINTER LUNGS THROUGH THE AIR, DON'T YOU THINK?
7 AND LASTLY AN ALLEGATION WAS MADE THAT GLORIA MOLINA WAS
8 DISTRIBUTING THESE NICE FLIERS. I KNOW THEY'RE FROM HER
9 WEBSITE. I DON'T KNOW IF SHE'S REALLY THE ONE THAT DISTRIBUTED
10 THEM. BUT IF SHE DID DISTRIBUTE THEM, THAT'S NOT COOL. I MEAN,
11 I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S THE LAW. BUT, YOU KNOW, IF YOU DO
12 SOMETHING WRONG, BOARD MEMBERS, PLEASE GO TO JAIL FOR IT.
13 THANK YOU.

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15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. AS NEAR AS I CAN
16 TELL, THAT CONCLUDES ALL THE PERSONS WHO WISH TO BE HEARD. WE
17 ACKNOWLEDGE EACH OF YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY IRRESPECTIVE OF THE
18 SIDE OF THE ISSUE YOU ARE ON. MAY WE NOW PROCEED TO BOARD
19 DELIBERATION. MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, WHAT IS YOUR PLEASURE? ARE
20 THERE ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? ANY ADDITIONAL STAFF REMARKS
21 THAT NEED TO BE MADE AT THIS MOMENT? HEARING NONE, THE ITEM IS
22 BEFORE US. SUPERVISOR MOLINA, PLEASE?

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24 **SUP. MOLINA:** (OFF MIC) OF MY COLLEAGUES WHO LISTENED TO SO
25 MANY OF THEM. I THINK THE ISSUE OF VERY CLEAR IS WHAT IS



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1 BEFORE US. IT IS UNFORTUNATE THAT PROP "A" HAS BEEN TAKEN TO
2 TASK IN THIS FASHION. SO MANY. PEOPLE THAT SPOKE TODAY AS WELL
3 AS MYSELF AND SOME OF MY COLLEAGUES HERE WERE PART OF THE
4 CAMPAIGN AT THE VERY BEGINNING OF THIS. IT HAS BEEN AN
5 INTEREST I THINK ON PART OF ALL FIVE OF US TO PROTECT OPEN
6 SPACE AND TO FIND THOSE MECHANISMS AND MANNERS IN WHICH WE
7 COULD DO SO. WE ARE VERY PROUD OF MANY OF THE OPEN SPACE AREAS
8 THAT WE HAVE THROUGHOUT OUR DISTRICTS. UNFORTUNATELY, WHEN I
9 LOOK AT MY ENTIRE AREA, I KNOW HOW PAINFUL IT IS TO NOT FIND
10 AS MUCH OPEN SPACE AVAILABLE FOR US. BUT WHEN WE DO, WE'VE
11 BEEN ABLE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE AND HAVE WONDERFUL PARTNERSHIPS
12 WITH ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE FINDING THOSE WAYS AND THOSE
13 MECHANISMS TO USE THE LITTLE SPACE THAT WE HAVE AND TO ASK FOR
14 MONIES UNDER PROP "A" TO PROTECT AND PRESERVE IT. THE ISSUE
15 HERE BEFORE US IS VERY SIMPLY WE HAVE A DUTY HERE TO THE
16 VOTERS. AS THE DISTRICT AND REPRESENTING OUR DUTY AND
17 RESPONSIBILITY OF THE DISTRICTS, WHITTIER HAD A RESPONSIBILITY
18 TO THE DISTRICT AND IT DIDN'T HONOR IT. BOTTOM LINE, THEY HAVE
19 BEEN MOVING FORWARD. THEY HAVE VIOLATED EVERY PART OF PROCESS.
20 AND SO CONSEQUENTLY, WE HAVE NOTHING TO DO BUT TO DO WHAT IS
21 RIGHT AND STAND BY VOTERS AND TAKE THE ACTION THAT SHOULD BE
22 TAKEN. I KNOW THERE ARE MANY ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS THAT DID
23 JOIN US TODAY, BUT THERE ARE MANY THAT HAVE BEEN COWARDS IN
24 THIS AREA. AND THEY HAVE BEEN REPRESENTING THAT IN ORDER TO
25 TAKE CARE OF THE REST OF THE ENVIRONMENT, WE NEED TO DRILL IN



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1 WHITTIER. I HAVE TO SHARE WITH YOU THAT I DON'T BELIEVE THAT
2 TO BE TRUE, THAT THEY ARE JUST SACRIFICING. THIS CAN HAPPEN IN
3 ANY DISTRICT IN AREA. THIS WILL SET A PRECEDENT FOR HOW PROP
4 "A" IS FUNDED. AT THE VERY BEGINNING, WE NEVER TOLD VOTERS
5 THAT IT WAS ONLY FOR A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME. AND THAT WE WERE
6 NOT GOING TO PROTECT AND PRESERVE THIS LAND. THEY VOTED. AND
7 IF WE EVER WANT TO TAKE ANYTHING ELSE TO THEM, THE INTEGRITY
8 OF THAT RESPONSIBILITY, THAT VOTE, IS ESSENTIAL. SO WE HAVE A
9 MAJOR DUTY I THINK YOU UNDERSTAND AND RECOGNIZE THAT THE
10 RECOMMENDATION HAS BEEN PRESENTED TO YOU BY OUR COUNTY
11 COUNSEL, BY OUR DEPARTMENT, BY THE DISTRICT IS THE
12 RECOMMENDATION THAT WE SHOULD MOVE FORWARD AND TO DENY THIS
13 LEASE.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. IT'S BEEN PROPERLY
16 MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.
17 ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY ANY MEMBER OF THE BOARD?

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19 **SUP. KNABE:** MR. CHAIRMAN?

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21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SIR?

22

23 **SUP. KNABE:** I JUST HAVE THE A COUPLE OF COMMENTS.

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25 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** PLEASE.



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SUP. KNABE: OBVIOUSLY AT THE END OF THIS DAY, THE ISSUE WILL NOT BE DECIDED HERE, IT WILL BE DECIDED IN COURT. I CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR GOOD- FAITH NEGOTIATIONS, WHICH IS I THINK A BETTER ALTERNATIVE TO LITIGATION. WHILE STILL PRESERVING OUR RIGHT TO DENY THIS PROJECT, IF SUCH NEGOTIATIONS FAIL TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE DISTRICT OR THE COUNTY. HOWEVER, WE'LL NEVER KNOW THAT POSSIBILITY IF WE'RE NOT WILLING TO TALK. AND I ALSO THINK WE SHOULD TALK BECAUSE THE LITIGATION ISN'T OVER. AND WE COULD STILL LOSE AND HAVE NOTHING TO SHOW FOR IT. AND THAT'S A REAL POSSIBILITY. OBVIOUSLY AS IT RELATED TO TESTIMONY IN PREPARATION FROM SAPPHOS, FROM EVERYONE ELSE, THE DECK WAS PRETTY WELL STACKED. BUT UNFORTUNATELY AND RELUCTANTLY, I'M GOING TO BE VOTING TODAY TO DENY THE PROJECT PROPOSED, AS WELL, BECAUSE WHILE I'M NOT CONVINCED AND I THINK IT IS WITHOUT MERIT BUT BECAUSE IT'S THE ONLY PATH I THINK THAT CAN BRING ALL PARTIES TO THE TABLE, BUT ONLY IF THE COUNTY, AFTER THIS VOTE, IS WILLING TO TALK. TO IGNORE AND SAY THAT THEY IGNORED US I THINK IS UNREASONABLE. BUT WE ARE WHERE WE ARE. AND HOPEFULLY AT THE END OF THE DAY WE CAN MOVE FORWARD ON A BETTER PATH. AND, AGAIN, THANK YOU TO ALL OF THOSE THAT CAME DOWN TO TESTIFY BOTH FOR AND AGAINST.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. ANY ADDITIONAL
2 COMMENTS? SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, PLEASE?

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** JUST BRIEFLY. SEVERAL OF US WERE ON THIS
5 BOARD WHEN WE PUT THE LAST PROP "A" ON THE BALLOT 1996. A
6 COUPLE OF YOU WERE HERE FOR THE FIRST PROP "A" IN 1992. I'VE
7 BEEN AN ELECTED OFFICIAL AT A LOCAL GOVERNMENT LEVEL FOR 38
8 YEARS OR MORE. AND THE ONE THING THAT HAS ALWAYS BEEN
9 INVIOULATE IS WHEN YOU PURCHASE A PIECE OF PROPERTY FOR A
10 PUBLIC PARK, FOR OPEN SPACE IN PERPETUITY, IT MEANS THE ENTIRE
11 PROPERTY, THE AIR RIGHTS ABOVE IT AND THE SUBSURFACE RIGHTS
12 BELOW IT AND THE GROUND THAT IT SITS ON. AND IT'S FOREVER.
13 IT'S NOT THERE TO BE NEGOTIATED WHEN THE PRICE OF OIL GOES UP
14 AND IT BECOMES MORE ECONOMICAL TO DRILL FOR OIL TODAY WHERE IT
15 MIGHT NOT BE ECONOMICAL TO DRILL FOR OIL 10, 20 YEARS AGO. IT
16 IS OPEN SPACE, PERIOD, OVER AND OUT. BACK IN 1988 WHEN I WAS
17 ON THE CITY COUNCIL, WE HAD A BIT OF A CONTROVERSY ABOUT AN
18 OIL DRILLING PROJECT BY OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM OVER AT THE
19 BEACHES NEXT TO PACIFIC PALISADES RIGHT NEXT TO THE COAST. IT
20 BECAME -- IT WAS A 20-YEAR SAGA. FINALLY THERE WAS AN
21 INITIATIVE BROUGHT TO THE PEOPLE TO VOTE ON. AND THE PEOPLE OF
22 THE CITY VOTED TO REPEAL THAT OIL DISTRICT. IT WASN'T EVEN IN
23 A PARK. BUT IT WAS NEXT TO OUR BEACH AND IT WAS NEXT TO THE
24 BEACH. SO THE NOTION THAT SOME OF THE PEOPLE TESTIFYING THAT
25 SAID OR OFFERED THAT, YOU KNOW, IT'S WHITTIER TODAY, IT'S SOME



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1 OTHER PART OF THE COUNTY TOMORROW IS ABSOLUTELY TRUE. NO PART
2 OF THE COUNTY, NOT IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY, NOT IN THE HILLS
3 OF SANTA CLARITA, NOT IN THE WEST LOS ANGELES, THE WESTERN
4 PART OF THE COUNTY, IN THE SANTA MONICAS, OR ANYWHERE WOULD BE
5 INVULNERABLE TO THIS KIND OF A SCHEME, AND I CALL IT A SCHEME
6 BECAUSE IT IS A SCHEME, TO GO AND BUY OFF A PARK AGENCY
7 BECAUSE THEY NEED MONEY AND CIRCUMVENT THE AGENCY THAT GAVE
8 THAT PARK AGENCY THE MONEY IN THE FIRST PLACE, WHICH IS THIS
9 AGENCY, THE OPEN SPACE DISTRICT, WHICH GOT ITS MONEY FROM THE
10 PEOPLE OF L.A. COUNTY AND SOMEHOW THIS COUNTY AND THIS BOARD
11 AND THE OPEN SPACE DISTRICT HAS BEEN LEFT OUT OF THE FOOD
12 CHAIN. AND IT'S OUR MONEY. WE ARE THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
13 PEOPLE. AND IT'S OUR MONEY. YOUR MONEY, THE PEOPLE'S MONEY.
14 AND WE ARE ENTRUSTED TO SPEND IT APPROPRIATELY. AND BECAUSE
15 BACK 20 YEARS AGO OR WHENEVER IT WAS MONEY WAS APPROPRIATED
16 APPROPRIATELY TO GET THIS VERY DESIRABLE PIECE OF OPEN SPACE
17 IN WHITTIER FOR OPEN SPACE FOREVER, NOW ALL OF A SUDDEN IT'S
18 UP FOR NEGOTIATION AGAIN. WELL I LOOK AT ALL THE PARK LANDS
19 THAT HAVE BEEN PURCHASED ALL OVER THE COUNTY AND I SAY THEY'RE
20 ALL UP FOR NEGOTIATION. AND THAT'S WHY THIS ISSUE IS GOING TO
21 BE RESOLVED. IF IT'S NOT GOING TO BE RESOLVED AT THIS COURT IT
22 WILL BE RESOLVED WHEN THE APPELLATE COURTS GET THEIR ARMS
23 AROUND THIS AND DRILL DOWN, NO PUN INTENDED, DRILL DOWN INTO
24 THE ISSUES THAT ARE RELEVANT HERE AND SEE WHERE THE TRIAL
25 COURT ERRED AND WHERE THEY DIDN'T. I LIKE OUR CHANCES. BECAUSE



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1 I THINK WE'RE RIGHT. AND I THINK -- I'M NOT A LAWYER, BUT I
2 THINK ON LOGIC IT'S RIGHT AND OUR LAWYERS THINK ON THE LAW
3 WE'RE RIGHT. SO THIS IS A FIGHT. AND IT'S NOT JUST A FIGHT FOR
4 WHITTIER, IT'S A FIGHT FOR EVERY PIECE OF PARK LAND THROUGHOUT
5 LOS ANGELES COUNTY THAT'S BEEN PURCHASED WITH PROPOSITION "A".
6 [APPLAUSE.] PARDON? OKAY. AND THAT'S THAT. I THANK ALL THE
7 PEOPLE WHO CAME DOWN TO TESTIFY ON THIS. THIS IS NOT THE END
8 OF THE ROAD BY ANY STRETCH OF THE IMAGINATION. BUT IT'S A
9 GIANT STEP ALONG THE WAY. THANK YOU.

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11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE ARE
12 ABOUT TO VOTE. BUT LET ME JUST SIMPLY WEIGH IN IN THE
13 FOLLOWING FASHION. I WANT TO ASSOCIATE MYSELF WITH THE MAKER
14 OF THE MOTION AND THE SECONDER OF THE MOTION TO SIMPLY SAY
15 THAT THIS WOULD BE PRECEDENT-SETTING TO DO OTHERWISE. AND WE
16 TALKED ABOUT IN PERPETUITY WITH A DEGREE OF REGULARITY TODAY,
17 BUT I THINK WE SHOULDN'T BE UNMINDFUL OF WHAT THAT MEANS BOTH
18 IN TERMS OF THE OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTY THAT WOULD BE
19 POTENTIALLY ADVERSELY AFFECTED. PROP "A" FUNDS HAVE DONE A LOT
20 OF GOOD ALREADY. I CAN SPEAK RATHER SPECIFICALLY ABOUT THAT IN
21 TERMS OF PARK RENOVATION AND THE ONES THAT HAVE BEEN BUILT,
22 TREES THAT HAVE BEEN PLANTED, TRAILS THAT HAVE BEEN
23 CONSTRUCTED. AND IN THE SECOND DISTRICT, THE FIRST NATURE
24 CENTER PURSUANT TO PROP "A" FUNDING. BUT IT DOESN'T END THERE.
25 IT'S IMPORTANT TO KNOW THAT THESE RESOURCES CAN HELP WITH THE



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1 ACQUISITION OF PARKLANDS WHERE CURRENTLY SOME DRILLING TAKES
2 PLACE. AND SO THERE IS WISDOM IN MOVING FORWARD IN SUPPORT OF
3 THIS MOTION TO THE EXTENT THAT THERE IS A BELIEF THAT OPEN
4 SPACE HAS VALUE IN COMMUNITIES. IT HELPS CREATE COMMUNITY AND
5 THE BALANCE OF WHAT WE KNOW TO BE LIFE-AFFIRMING AND THE
6 PROMOTION OF HEALTH AND WELL-BEING. AND SO WITHOUT DESIRE TO
7 IMPUNE THE MOTIVES OF ANYONE WHO MAY HAVE A DIFFERENT POINT OF
8 VIEW, I CANNOT NOR WILL I SUPPORT THE PROJECT MOVING FORWARD
9 BECAUSE IT IS FUNDAMENTALLY INCONSISTENT WITH THE IMPULSES I
10 HAVE IN TERMS OF HOW WE SHOULD ADVANCE POLICY WITH RESPECT TO
11 OPEN SPACE IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. MADAM EXECUTIVE
12 OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

13

14 **LARRY HAFETZ:** SUPERVISOR, IF I MIGHT, THIS IS COUNTY COUNSEL.

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** PLEASE.

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18 **LARRY HAFETZ:** JUST FOR CLARITY, JUST TO INSURE THAT THE MOTION
19 INCLUDES ALL OF STAFF'S RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE BOARD LETTER,
20 INCLUDING ADOPTING THE FINDINGS THAT WERE ATTACHED.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. ARE THERE ANY
23 QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS ABOUT COUNTY COUNSEL'S INTERVENTION IN
24 THAT REGARD? ALL MINDS CLEAR? MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER.

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1 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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3 **SUP. MOLINA:** IS THIS ON THE REPORT? AYE.

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5 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

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7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AYE.

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9 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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11 **SUP. KNABE:** AYE.

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13 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

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15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AYE.

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17 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AYE.

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21 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MOTION CARRIES.

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23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** PLEASE RECORD A UNANIMOUS VOTE.

24 THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.] ALL RIGHT. THOSE OF YOU WHO

25 ARE REMAINING, YOU'RE WELCOME TO JOIN US. THOSE OF YOU WHO



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1 WANT TO NOT KEEP OUR GOOD COMPANY, MAY WE ASK THAT YOU LEAVE
2 AS QUIETLY AS POSSIBLE. WE'LL GIVE YOU JUST A COUPLE OF
3 MOMENTS TO DO SO. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY TODAY. WE'RE
4 GOING TO TAKE A THREE-MINUTE RECESS.

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[RECESS HELD]

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10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE ARE NOW
11 RECONVENED. WE NOW HAVE SEVERAL PERSONS WHO WISH TO BE HEARD
12 ON THE ITEMS THAT WE GENERALLY REFER TO AS CONSENT ITEMS. ERIC
13 PREVEN, ARNOLD SACHS, MICHAEL KLUBNIKIN, GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL
14 AND DIANA ZUNIGA. IF YOU WOULD COME FORWARD AT THIS TIME? MR.
15 PREVEN, YOU MAY PROCEED. YOUR NAME, SIR?

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17 **ERIC PREVEN:** I'M MR. PREVEN.

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19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** I KNEW YOUR NAME. YOUR NAME,
20 SIR?

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22 **MICHAEL KLUBNIKIN:** MICHAEL KLUBNIKIN.

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24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY, FINE.

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1 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES, IT'S ERIC PREVEN, THE COUNTY RESIDENT FROM
2 DISTRICT 3. AND IT WAS VERY NICE TO HAVE INFORMED CONSTITUENTS
3 DOWN HERE RAISING THEIR VOICES. AND, SIR, YOU KNOW, YOU DID AN
4 OKAY JOB. I THINK IT'S A LITTLE AWKWARD TO RAISE THE SPECTRE
5 OF WALKING AWAY FOR APPROBATION OF THE CHAIR. IT FEELS A
6 LITTLE AWKWARD FOR THOSE OF US WHO WERE CALLED OUT, BUT I
7 WASN'T SO I'M OKAY WITH IT. ANYWAY, ITEM 19 TODAY, SIR, I'LL
8 EXPLAIN LATER OFF TO THE SIDE. ITEM 19 TODAY HAS TO DO WITH
9 THE ARROW DIVISION, UPGRADING A LEASE. THIS IS A LEASE FOR A
10 HANGAR AND SOME FACILITIES. IT'S 167,000 DOLLARS FOR A YEAR.
11 WE'RE GIVING THEM AN EIGHT PERCENT INCREASE THANKS TO MR.
12 FUJIOKA'S FINE WORK. UNFORTUNATELY IN 2009-2011 WE ALSO
13 CONTRACTED, IT DOESN'T MENTION IT IN THE BOARD ITEM. FOR
14 ANOTHER FACILITY LESS THAN A MILE AWAY AT THE LONG BEACH
15 AIRPORT WHERE THE AERO DIVISION HAS TWO SETS OF 2,750 SQUARE
16 FOOT ACCOMMODATIONS AND PARKING. AND I FEEL LIKE IT'S
17 MISCHARACTERIZATION TO BOAST THAT THE SHERIFF WAS ENTITLED TO
18 UP TO 9,500 SQUARE FEET OF OFFICE SPACE FOR THE SIZE OF HIS
19 DIVISION BUT YET HE'S ONLY TAKEN 36 OR WHATEVER IT SAYS. I
20 FIND THAT DECEPTIVE. NOW THIS IS RIGHT NEXT TO SKY LINKS. SKY
21 LINKS IS A GREAT GOLF COURSE OWNED BY AMERICAN GOLF
22 CORPORATION. AMERICAN GOLF CORPORATION IS REPRESENTED BY
23 ENGLANDER KNABE AND ALLEN THE SAME FIRM THAT IS MUCKING AROUND
24 IN THE WHITTIER BUSINESS AND THAT HAS BEEN A LONG-STANDING
25 LOBBYIST FOR THIS ENTITY. I ASKED THE C.E.O. ABOUT THE



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1 AEROSPACE L.L.C. CONTRACTS FROM AERO. AND WE WENT THROUGH A
2 SERIES OF INVESTIGATIONS OF THAT GROUP, AND NOBODY HAD THE
3 AUDACITY TO ASK THE QUESTIONS OR LOOK FURTHER THAN THE PAGE IN
4 FRONT OF THEM. I FIND THAT APPALLING, I MUST SAY. ITEM NUMBER
5 16 AND 17 ARE MAYOR ANTONOVICH. FIRST OF ALL, THESE ARE SOME
6 VERY NICE GENEROUS OPERATIONS GOING ON UP IN THE ANTELOPE AND
7 CASTAIC. ONE WE'RE HAVING MR. VISCO WHO IS GIVING US A
8 BUILDING, BUT I WOULD LIKE THE C.E.O. TO ASK HOW MUCH HAS MR.
9 VISCO RENTED OUT OVER THE YEARS?

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YOU MUST CONCLUDE.

12

13 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES, I WILL CONCLUDE ON ITEM, I GUESS IT WOULD BE
14 16 WHICH IS THE CASTAIC ISSUE, IF I HAVE THAT CORRECT. I
15 CERTAINLY HOPE I DO. YEAH. THIS IS A TEXAS L.L.C. THAT IS
16 GENEROUSLY GIVING A PART OF THEIR STRIP MALL TO BECOME A
17 LIBRARY, WHICH I ABSOLUTELY SUPPORT.

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU.

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21 **ERIC PREVEN:** BUT I MUST TELL YOU IT'S A ROBUST DEAL IN FAVOR
22 OF THAT GROUP.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE TAKE NOTE OF YOUR TESTIMONY.
2 YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. WE'RE GOING TO TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER.
3 SIR? THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY, MR. PREVEN. SIR?

4

5 **MICHAEL KLUBNIKIN:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MICHAEL KLUBNIKIN. I'D LIKE
6 TO ADDRESS ITEM 2-D, THE REVOLVING ACCOUNT, AND IT'S TO
7 AUTHORIZE THE -- TERMINATE TWO CONTRACTS AND THEN RESTRUCTURE
8 THEM. I'D LIKE TO DISCUSS THE WORD RESTRUCTURE IF I CAN. AND
9 I'D LIKE TO MAKE ONE COMMENT. I'M GIVING YOU A BRIEF NOTE
10 TODAY OF A STATEMENT AND IT'S A QUOTE. IT SAYS "LACK OF
11 INTEGRITY WILL CAUSE LOSS OF FREEDOM." AND YOU HAVE SHOWN BY
12 THIS BOARD'S ACTIONS TODAY THAT THERE IS NO LOSS OF FREEDOM
13 HERE. YOU WELCOME IT AND YOU EMBRACE IT AND YOU SHOULD BE
14 COMMENDED. THIS IS ABOUT THE REVOLVING FUND. AND THERE'S MORE
15 OFTEN THAN NOT, A LOT OF COUNTIES HAVE GREAT PROGRAMS. THEY
16 START AT THE LEGISLATIVE LEVEL AROUND A BIG TABLE AND THEY
17 HAVE NOBLE GOALS BUT THEY SORT OF GET DISSIPATED LIKE FOR THE
18 SENIORS, FOR THE CHILDREN, MENTALLY HANDICAPPED OR THE POOR.
19 AND MORE OFTEN THAN NOT, THESE ARE JUST SMOKE SCREENS JUST
20 LIKE THIS OIL THING, YOU KNOW, WAS A SMOKE SCREEN FOR GOD
21 KNOWS WHAT. BUT IT'S LIKE BEING, YOU KNOW, YOU'RE NOT A LITTLE
22 PREGNANT. IT'S EITHER YOU'RE ON THAT ROAD OR YOU'RE GOING ON
23 ANOTHER ROAD. BUT THIS REVOLVING ACCOUNT, THE WORD RESTRUCTURE
24 MEANS IT WASN'T DONE INITIALLY RIGHT THE FIRST TIME. SO IS
25 THIS THE QUESTION IS ARE YOU GOING TO BE THROWING GOOD MONEY



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1 AFTER BAD BY REINSTATING THIS? IT'S FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING. IT
2 SOUNDS GOOD. I'M SURE THERE'S NOBLE THINGS INVOLVED. BUT THIS
3 IS A PERFECT EXAMPLE THAT THINGS AREN'T ALWAYS THE WAY THEY
4 APPEAR. AND IF YOU HAVE A RED FLAG, YOU SHOULD HEED THEM. AND
5 IN CASES OF THE REVOLVING ACCOUNT, WE HAVE MANY DEPARTMENT
6 HEADS THAT HAVE TOO MUCH EASY ACCESS TO THESE REVOLVING FUNDS.
7 THEY DO ALL THESE SHENANIGANS WITHOUT KNOWLEDGE AND THEN THEY
8 COME BEFORE HERE AND IT GETS FLUSHED TO THE SURFACE AND THEN
9 PEOPLE ARE OH I DIDN'T KNOW THAT HAPPENED. SO IT'S ABOUT
10 OVERSIGHT WHEN YOU HAVE THESE KINDS OF FUNDS, THERE'S GOT TO
11 BE PROPER INFRASTRUCTURE OF OVERSIGHT.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
14 GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL, PLEASE?

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16 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD AFTERNOON. DR. GENEVIEVE
17 CLAVREUL. ON CS-8, I HAVE REQUESTED FOR ALMOST A YEAR NOW
18 DOCUMENTATION ABOUT THE LEASE, ABOUT THE M.L.K.-LOS ANGELES
19 HEALTHCARE CORPORATION, WHICH I HAVE NEVER RECEIVED. AND YOU
20 ARE GOING ON CLOSED SESSION ACCORDING TO GOVERNMENT CODE
21 SECTION 54956.8. AND THAT SECTION YOU CAN ONLY GO TO A CLOSED
22 SESSION ONLY AFTER PRIOR TO THE CLOSED SESSION YOU MUST HAVE
23 AN OPEN SESSION DEALING WITH THOSE ISSUES. SO I WOULD
24 APPRECIATE IF YOU READ THE CODE AGAIN. AND WHEN YOU STUDY
25 CODE, YOU KNOW WHAT IT MEANS. I DEMAND THAT WE HAVE AN OPEN



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1 MEETING ON THE LEASE VIS-A-VIS M.L.K. HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION
2 CORPORATION. THAT WOULD BE EXTREMELY NICE. I WOULD APPRECIATE
3 THAT VERY MUCH. AND ALSO SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY ASKED ON JULY
4 5TH THAT THE PROPER DOCUMENT ABOUT THE LEASE AND EVERYTHING
5 HAVING TO DO WITH M.L.K. CORPORATION. THAT LETTER WAS TURNED
6 TO MR. JOHN KRATTLI ON JULY 5TH AND I'M SURE SUPERVISOR
7 YAROSLAVSKY HAVE NOT RECEIVED A RESPONSE, OR HE WOULD HAVE
8 GIVEN IT TO ME. SO I WOULD APPRECIATE AT LEAST THAT,
9 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, TO GET A RESPONSE. ALSO, YESTERDAY
10 WHEN YOU COME TO THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION, THEY TALK A LOT
11 ABOUT PROTOCOL AND SO ON. I WROTE ACTUALLY AN ARTICLE LAST
12 WEEK ON PROTOCOL AND WHAT YOU CAN DO WITH IT AND WHAT IT
13 SHOULD BE. IT WAS AN ARTICLE PUBLISHED IN WORKING NURSE
14 MAGAZINE. THIS IS FOR YOUR READING PLEASURE. HAVE A GOOD DAY.

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
17 WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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19 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. ARNOLD SACHS. AND I DID HOLD
20 SEVERAL ITEMS. YOU VOTED ON TWO OF THEM. SO YOU HAVE THE
21 ABILITY TO ACTUALLY SPEAK? I DON'T KNOW WHERE THAT STANDS. BUT
22 I HELD ITEM 1-D. IT'S ACTUALLY SOUND INSULATION IMPROVEMENTS
23 IN THE LENNOX UNINCORPORATED AREA OF LENNOX AND ATHENS. AND IT
24 STATES THAT 1.5, A LITTLE OVER 1.5 MILLION DOLLARS IN LOS
25 ANGELES WORLD AIRPORT FUNDS WILL BE USED FOR THIS. AND SO THE



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1 FUNDING FOR LOS ANGELES WORLD AIRPORT, THEY GET FROM FEES. AND
2 IN AN ARTICLE FROM OCTOBER 14, 2013 REGARDING CAR SHARING, A
3 MR. WILLIAM ROWS, WHO'S GENERAL MANAGER FOR YELLOW CAB IN LOS
4 ANGELES, MENTIONS THAT THESE NEW RIDE SHARING COMPANIES ARE
5 NOT PAYING THE FOUR DOLLAR FEE THAT'S COLLECTED AT THE
6 AIRPORT, A LITTLE OVER TWO DOLLARS OF WHICH GOES TO THE
7 AIRPORT AND TWO DOLLARS GOES TO FACILITATE TAXICAB OPERATIONS.
8 SO I'M WONDERING WHY PRIVATE COMPANIES ARE GETTING TWO DOLLARS
9 IN FEES FROM THE AIRPORT. NO ANSWER FOR THAT QUESTION. 3-D WAS
10 ABOUT ADMINISTRATIVE FEES THE 10 PERCENT THAT YOU USUALLY GET.
11 AND THIS IS FROM THE METRO OCTOBER 16TH AD HOC CONGESTION
12 PRICING COMMITTEE. "FIRST STATE LAW ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES
13 SHALL NOT EXTEND THREE PERCENT OF THE GROSS REVENUES." YET THE
14 COUNTY GETS 10 PERCENT ADMINISTRATIVE FEES FOR OPERATIONS FOR
15 ITS COMMISSION. ITEM 7 WAS REGARDING VETS. HOW ABOUT VETS RIDE
16 FREE ON METRO ON VETERANS DAY? ITEM 11 YOU'RE SENDING A FIVE-
17 SIGNATURE LETTER? HOW ABOUT A FIVE-SIGNATURE LETTER TO THE
18 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT REGARDING THE FOOD STAMPS CUTS TO THE
19 PUBLIC? ITEM 12, TAFT. YOU KNOW, WE JUST HAD A HUGE DISCUSSION
20 ABOUT WHAT YOU KNOW AND WHAT YOU DON'T KNOW. THE FACT THAT YOU
21 DON'T KNOW ABOUT THIS LAWSUIT, YET IT INVOLVES 75 MILLION
22 DOLLARS IS OVER THE TOP.

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT.

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1 **ARNOLD SACHS:** AND I CAN'T CONTINUE BUT WE HAVE ANOTHER HEARING
2 ON SOMETHING ELSE. AND THANK YOU AGAIN PER USUAL.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
5 ALL RIGHT. MA'AM?

6

7 **DIANA ZUNIGA:** HELLO. MY NAME IS DIANA ZUNIGA AND I AM
8 REPRESENTING CALIFORNIANS UNITED FOR RESPONSIBLE BUDGET AND
9 L.A. NO MORE JAILS. I AM SPEAKING IN FAVOR OF ITEM 12. I WANT
10 TO THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MOLINA, FOR REALLY QUESTIONING WHAT
11 WAS HAPPENING WITH THIS CONTRACT WITH THE CITY OF TAFT. AND
12 I'M JUST VERY THANKFUL THAT YOU ACTUALLY LOOKED INTO IT AND
13 REALIZED THAT THERE IS A LAWSUIT PENDING AS WELL AS ALL OF
14 THESE OTHER FACTORS REGARDING VALLEY FEVER AND THAT WAS THE
15 ONLY REASON. OKAY. WELL I'M GLAD YOU HAD A REASON TO STOP IT.
16 SO I JUST WANT TO THANK YOU FOR LOOKING INTO IT A LOT MORE AND
17 PUTTING FORTH THIS MOTION. AND TO SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND
18 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, I KNOW YOU ALL BOTH ABSTAINED FROM THE
19 VOTE AND I REALLY, REALLY, REALLY HOPE THAT YOU ALL VOTE IN
20 FAVOR OF THIS MOTION TO STOP THE TAFT CONTRACT TODAY. I'M HERE
21 SOLO TODAY, BUT WE HAVE A LOT OF PEOPLE THAT ARE VERY, VERY
22 EXCITED AND HAPPY THAT YOU ALL ARE STOPPING THIS CONTRACT AND
23 REALLY HOPING THAT THE ENTIRE BOARD REALLY LOOKS TO USING THIS
24 10 MILLION DOLLARS THAT WAS GOING TO FUND THIS JAIL EXPANSION
25 PROPOSAL TO PUT IT INTO COMMUNITY-BASED ALTERNATIVES LIKE WE



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1 ALWAYS SPEAK ABOUT AT THIS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING.
2 ESPECIALLY THE FOUR MILLION THAT WAS LEFT OVER FROM THE FIRST
3 YEAR OF RE-ALIGNMENT. SO WE'RE REALLY HOPING THAT WE COULD
4 WORK WITH YOU ALL IN PRIORITIZING THIS MONEY GOING INTO
5 ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN
6 SPECIFICALLY THAT CAN DECREASE THE POPULATION OF WOMEN INSIDE
7 OF THE L.A. COUNTY JAILS AND POSSIBLY MAYBE DECREASE THAT BED
8 CAPACITY THAT YOU ALL ARE PROPOSING FOR THE NEW WOMEN'S JAIL.
9 WE REALLY WANT TO LOOK AT ALTERNATIVES, AND WE HAVE SO MANY
10 DIFFERENT ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING
11 IN A DIALOGUE WITH YOU ALL TO REALLY LOOK AT HOW MUCH HAS
12 DECREASED IN THE AMOUNT OF FUNDING THAT THEY'RE ACTUALLY
13 RECEIVING. AND SOME OF THEM ARE GIVING SERVICES FOR FREE. SO
14 PLEASE VOTE TO STOP THIS CONTRACT. AND THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR
15 LISTENING TO ME.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR
18 TESTIMONY. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE.

19

20 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE BEFORE
21 YOUR BOARD. ITEM NUMBER 1-D, 2-D, 3-D, ITEM NUMBER 6 WILL BE
22 REFERRED BACK TO SUPERVISOR KNABE'S OFFICE. ITEM 7 IS BEFORE
23 YOU, 9 IS BEFORE YOU, 15, 16, 17, 19, 25 WILL BE CONTINUED ONE
24 WEEK, 26 IS BEFORE YOU, 27, 37, 46 WILL BE CONTINUED THREE



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1 WEEKS, 47-B IS BEFORE YOU, CS-1 WILL BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK AND
2 CS-2 WILL BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS. THOSE ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** AS READ, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY
5 MOVES. SUPERVISOR KNABE SECONDS.

6

7 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** WE HAVEN'T GOTTEN TO THAT ONE YET.

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
10 SO ON THOSE ITEMS THAT ARE BEFORE US, BEEN PROPERLY MOVED AND
11 SECONDED. I SEE NO OBJECTIONS, PLEASE RECORD A UNANIMOUS VOTE.

12

13 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** AND THEN AND ITEM NUMBER 11, ON
14 THIS ITEM, SUPERVISOR KNABE AND SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH WILL
15 ABSTAIN FROM THE VOTE, BUT THE ITEM IS BEFORE YOU.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. PLEASE RECORD THE
18 VOTE AS INDICATING THREE AYES, TWO ABSTENTIONS.

19

20 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THANK YOU.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. IS ITEM NUMBER 12
23 BEFORE US?

24



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1 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** IF YOU'D LIKE TO TAKE UP ITEM
2 NUMBER 12.

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. WE CAN PROCEED WITH
5 ITEM NUMBER 12 IF YOU WISH. WE DID DISPOSE OF 11, SO LET'S DO
6 12.

7

8 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH IS HOLDING
9 IT.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. THE PROBLEM WE HAVE
12 HERE, WE'RE DISAPPOINTED THAT THE STATE CONTINUES TO DUMP
13 THOUSANDS OF PRISONERS INTO OUR JAILS THROUGH THEIR RE-
14 ALIGNMENT PROGRAM. AND THEN THEY INCLUDED CONTRACTING ABILITY
15 FOR COUNTIES TO A FEW PUBLIC COMMUNITY CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES
16 THAT ARE NOW ACTIVELY, THAT THEY ARE NOW ACTIVELY NEGOTIATING
17 WITH THOSE FACILITIES FOR THEIR OWN NEEDS. MEANWHILE, WE HAVE
18 VERY SERIOUS PROBLEM IN THAT OUTSIDE OF JAIL RE-ALIGNMENT, THE
19 WORSE OFFENDERS ARE SERVING ONLY 17 TO 20 PERCENT OF THEIR
20 SENTENCES. SINCE THE STATE LAW AUTOMATICALLY CUT SENTENCES BY
21 50 PERCENT, THESE INMATES ARE SERVING ABOUT 40 PERCENT OF THE
22 REMAINING HALF, THEY ARE IN ESSENCE ONLY SERVING 20 PERCENT OF
23 THEIR TIME. WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THESE TYPES OF INDIVIDUALS WHO
24 ARE INVOLVED WITH SEX CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN. THEY SERVE
25 APPROXIMATELY 20 DAYS. THOSE KIDNAPPING AND ROBBERY SERVE



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1 APPROXIMATELY 62 DAYS. MOLESTING CHILDREN, THEY ARE ONLY
2 SERVING 143 DAYS. RAPE AND SPOUSAL ABUSE, THEY SERVE ABOUT 19
3 PERCENT OF THEIR SENTENCE. OUR COUNTY COUNSEL GAVE US A LEGAL
4 BRIEFING IN SEPTEMBER WHICH STATED THAT THE COUNTY OF LOS
5 ANGELES IS ON STRONG LEGAL GROUNDS TO PROCEED WITH THIS
6 CONTRACT UP THROUGH 2017 AND 2017 AND THE STATE HAS THAT
7 OPPORTUNITY. BUT BETWEEN 2013 TO 2017, THIS WOULD ALLOW US TO
8 HAVE THESE INDIVIDUALS SERVE THEIR GREATER NUMBER OF DAYS FOR
9 THE TYPE OF CRIMES THAT THEY ARE COMMITTING. AND THEN WE CAN
10 NEGOTIATE AND LOOK FOR OTHER AVENUES FOR BED SPACE FOR THESE
11 INDIVIDUALS SO THEY WOULD SPEND A GREATER SENTENCE THAT THEY
12 WERE SENTENCED TO INSTEAD OF ONLY SERVING 18 PERCENT, 15
13 PERCENT OF THEIR TIME.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. YOUR POINT IS NOTED,
16 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. ANY FURTHER COMMENTS? SUPERVISOR
17 MOLINA, PLEASE.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA:** I AM VERY SUPPORTIVE OF THE GOALS THAT MR.
20 ANTONOVICH HAS ENUMERATED. I, LIKE HIM, WOULD LIKE TO SEE OUR
21 PRISONERS SERVE THEIR FULL-TIME AS SENTENCED BY THE COURTS AND
22 BY JURIES. UNFORTUNATELY, WHAT WE HAVE HERE IS A SITUATION
23 WHERE WE'RE GOING TO GET INVOLVED IN AN ONGOING LAWSUIT. THE
24 PROBLEM IS IS THAT I REALLY WISH, AS WAS REPRESENTED TO ME,
25 THAT WE WOULD REALLY HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO MOVE OUR PRISONERS



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1 THERE. I THINK FROM THE LOOKS OF IT AND WHAT I HAVE READ AND
2 SEEN IN THE PRESENTATION, EVEN BY OUR COUNTY COUNSEL, IT IS
3 NOT A CLEAR PATHWAY THERE. I WISH IT WERE. I REALLY THINK THAT
4 THE SHERIFF, THE C.A.O.'S OFFICE AND MANY OF THE PEOPLE
5 INVOLVED HAVE TO FIND THOSE OPPORTUNITIES, EVEN IF THEY'RE NOT
6 IN THE COUNTY, TO CREATE A PATHWAY WHERE WE CAN PUT OUR
7 PRISONERS, PARTICULARLY IF IT'S LESS EXPENSIVE AND MORE
8 OPPORTUNITIES FOR THEM TO HAVE THE KIND OF PROGRAMMING NEEDS
9 THAT MANY OF THESE PRISONERS NEED. AND WHAT THIS MEANS IF WE
10 DON'T HAVE THESE OUTLETS AND THESE PATHWAYS THERE, THEN TWO
11 THINGS WILL HAPPEN: IT WILL COST US MORE MONEY TO BUILD MORE
12 BEDS IN L.A. COUNTY, WHICH IS PROBABLY POTENTIALLY ONE OF THE
13 ISSUES; AND, SECOND OF ALL, WE ARE JUST GOING TO HAVE PEOPLE
14 SERVING LESS TIME. AND THAT IS AS TROUBLESOME, AS WELL. SO
15 WHAT WE HAVE IS A SITUATION IN WHICH WE HAVE TO HAVE THE
16 PRINCIPLES, WHETHER IT IS THE SHERIFF, THE C.A.O.'S OFFICE AND
17 ALL THOSE INVOLVED TO TRY TO FIND REAL PATHWAYS TO GET THE
18 KINDS OF BEDS WE NEED EITHER THROUGH BUILDING THEM HERE OR
19 FINDING THOSE OPPORTUNITIES OUTSIDE OF L.A. COUNTY.
20 UNFORTUNATELY, TAFT, WE WERE MISLED. I KNOW I WAS MISLED. IT
21 WAS NOT READY. THEY'RE AS ANXIOUS TO HAVE US SIGN ON THE
22 DOTTED LINE, BUT VERY FRANKLY, I DON'T THINK THEY'VE BEEN
23 FORTHCOMING WITH ALL OF THE INFORMATION AS TO THE KIND OF
24 LEGAL WRANGINGS THAT WE WOULD HAVE TO BE INVOLVED IN BEFORE WE
25 COULD EVEN SEND A PRISONER THERE. SO REGRETTABLY, I'M HAVING



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1 TO ELIMINATE MY SUPPORT FOR IT. I WOULD HAVE LIKED TO HAVE
2 GONE THROUGH WITH IT BECAUSE I THINK IT REALLY WAS A PATHWAY
3 TO GETTING OUR PRISONERS TO SERVE MORE TIME AND MORE
4 IMPORTANTLY IN A WAY THAT WAS REASONABLE AS FROM THE
5 STANDPOINT OF COST. I HOPE THERE ARE OTHER OPPORTUNITIES
6 THROUGHOUT THE STATE. IT SEEMS AS THOUGH THE STATE IS ACTING
7 VERY AGGRESSIVELY NOT ONLY IN SENDING OUR PRISONERS DOWN BUT
8 CUTTING OFF EVERY OPPORTUNITY THAT WE HAVE TO FIND THOSE
9 PLACES WHEN YOU HAVE SOMEONE AS AGREEABLE AS TAFT AS A
10 COMMUNITY TO WELCOME US, THEY'RE CUTTING OFF OUR OPPORTUNITY
11 TO EVEN HAVE A PATHWAY THERE.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMENTS,
14 SUPERVISOR. SUPERVISOR KNABE, PLEASE.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL, I AGREE WITH SUPERVISOR MOLINA'S COMMENTS.
17 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, MY ISSUE OF OPPOSITION IS I DON'T THINK
18 UNLESS WE SORT OF FORCE THE ISSUE AT SOME POINT THAT THE STATE
19 REALLY UNDERSTANDS THE IMPACT OF PROP 109 [AB109] AND THE
20 IMPACT THAT IT'S HAVING AND OUR FACILITIES, THE IMPACT THAT
21 IT'S HAVING ON EARLY RELESES IN OUR COMMUNITIES. AND I JUST
22 WANT TO PROCEED AND SORT OF FORCE THE ISSUE. BUT I UNDERSTAND
23 THAT I AM CASTING A NO VOTE.

24



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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. ANY FURTHER
2 DISCUSSION ON THE ITEM AT THIS POINT? SEEING NONE, MADAM
3 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WOULD YOU PLEASE CALL THE ROLL ON THE
4 MOLINA MOTION?

5

6 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA? SUPERVISOR
7 YAROSLAVSKY? I'M SORRY? SUPERVISOR KNABE? SUPERVISOR
8 ANTONOVICH?

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO.

11

12 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** AYE.

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16 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** MOTION CARRIES.

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. NEXT ITEM, PLEASE.
19 LET ME SEE IF WE CAN CLARIFY JUST A COUPLE OF THINGS, MADAM
20 EXECUTIVE OFFICER. WE'RE GOING TO CONTINUE ITEM NUMBER 5 AT
21 THE REQUEST OF SUPERVISOR MOLINA, YEAH. AND WITH THE CONSENT
22 OF THE MAKER OF THE MOTION ONE WEEK. THEN ITEM NUMBER 6 YOU
23 WANTED TO --

24



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1 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** IF WE COULD ASK FOR
2 RECONSIDERATION, I'M SORRY.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WITHOUT OBJECTION.

5

6 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THANK YOU. THERE WERE A NUMBER OF
7 SPEAKERS ON ITEM NUMBER 6.

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ON ITEM NUMBER 6 WHICH WE WILL
10 TAKE UP NOW. THAT ITEM IS BEING REFERRED BACK TO COMMITTEE, TO
11 THE OFFICE AT THE REQUEST OF SUPERVISOR KNABE AS BEING
12 REFERRED BACK TO HIS OFFICE IN HIS LANGUAGE ESSENTIALLY BEING
13 WITHDRAWN AT THIS TIME. SO IN LIGHT OF THAT, YOU MAKE THE
14 DETERMINATION AS TO WHETHER OR NOT YOU WISH TO BE HEARD, GARY
15 GLESS, SIR, ARE YOU HERE? NOT HERE? PATRICIA MCPHEARSON? NOT
16 HERE? LYNN PLAMBECK? ALL RIGHT. LOREN STEINER. IS MS. STEINER
17 HERE? ALL RIGHT. EVANS? DIEGO RUBALCAVA-ALVAREZ? BRUCE
18 CAMPBELL? BRUCE CAMPBELL? WALKER FOLEY? DO YOU WISH TO BE
19 HEARD, SIR? MOVE FORWARD. ALEXANDRA NAGY? BRENNAN NORTON? COME
20 FORWARD, PLEASE. SHEILA GOLDNER? DO YOU WISH TO BE HEARD?

21

22 **SUP. KNABE:** MR. CHAIR, I'M REFERRING THIS BACK. I'M
23 WITHDRAWING THE MOTION, SO I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE PURPOSE OF
24 THE TESTIMONY IS.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** I'VE MADE THAT CLEAR A COUPLE OF
2 TIMES, MR. SUPERVISOR. AND THEY HAVE REQUESTED AN OPPORTUNITY
3 TO BE HEARD. I'M GOING TO GRANT IT. BUT HOPEFULLY YOUR
4 COMMENTS ARE INFORMED BY THE FACT THAT THE MAKER OF THE MOTION
5 HAS WITHDRAWN IT. DOROTHY REIK? THOSE ARE BEFORE US. MA'AM?

6

7 **LYNN PLAMBECK:** LYNN PLAMBECK, SANTA CLARITA ORGANIZATION FOR
8 PLANNING THE ENVIRONMENT. I'D LIKE TO THANK MR. KNABE FOR
9 WITHDRAWING THE MOTION. I THINK THIS IS A REALLY SERIOUS ISSUE
10 THAT THE BOARD NEEDS TO REALLY LOOK AT. AND I HOPE THAT YOU
11 WOULD HAVE SOME PRESENTATIONS FROM OTHER MEMBERS OF THE
12 COMMUNITY THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES REGARDING THE
13 MATTER. THE REASON THAT I WANTED TO SPEAK IS BECAUSE I SAT
14 HERE FOR FOUR HOURS TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT THIS ITEM.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE:** I APOLOGIZE FOR THAT. BUT I MADE IT CLEAR UP FRONT
17 THAT I WAS PULLING IT BACK.

18

19 **LYNN PLAMBECK:** I UNDERSTAND THAT. BUT AT THAT POINT, I HAD
20 DRIVEN DOWN HERE FROM SANTA CLARITA. AND I WOULD JUST LIKE TO
21 EXPLAIN OUR CONCERN, MANY OF US UN SANTA CLARITA HAVE LOOKED
22 AT THIS PLAN WITH CONCERN AS IT DEVELOPED OVER THE LAST
23 SEVERAL YEARS. YOU KNOW THAT AT IT'S BEEN A LONG TERM ON GOING
24 PROCESS. THE COST IS THE BIG THING FOR MANY OF US IN OUR
25 COMMUNITY, AS YOU KNOW. I'M FROM A COMMUNITY THAT IS VERY COST



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1 CONSCIOUS. AND WHEN YOU LOOK AT A 25 BILLION DOLLAR INITIAL
2 COST WITH PROBABLY AN ADDED COST OF ANOTHER 25 BILLION IN
3 INTEREST, AND IT'S MAINLY TO ADDRESS SOME BIG AGRICULTURAL
4 SPECIAL INTERESTS IN THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY -- I MEAN IN THE
5 CENTRAL VALLEY AND DEVELOPMENT THAT MAY BE ILL CONSIDERED IN
6 THE L.A. REGION, AND WE REALLY NEED TO LOOK MORE AT LOCAL
7 PROJECTS THAT WILL NOT REQUIRE THIS MASSIVE AMOUNT OF MONEY
8 AND THIS MASSIVE ENERGY COST. THE STATE WATER PROJECT IS THE
9 LARGEST USER OF ENERGY IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. IT'S REALLY
10 SOMETHING THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO COME AND PRESENT ANOTHER SIDE
11 TO ALL THE BOARD MEMBERS, I THINK, AS THIS ISSUE GOES THROUGH.
12 THE AY DELTA PROJECT IS SOMETHING THAT I THINK YOU WOULD ALL
13 WANT TO KNOW ABOUT. IT MAY BE SOMETHING THAT MAYBE SOUTHERN
14 CALIFORNIA IS NOT AS AWARE OF BECAUSE IT SEEMS LIKE IT AFFECTS
15 NORTHERN CALIFORNIA. BUT IT ABSOLUTELY AFFECTS US. WE WILL PAY
16 FOR IT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
19 SIR?

20

21 **DIEGO RUBALCAVA-ALVAREZ:** HI, MY NAME IS DIEGO RUBALCAVA-
22 ALVAREZ. I LIVE IN PICO RIVERA AND I'M ALSO GLAD THAT
23 SUPERVISOR KNABE HAS WITHDRAWN THE LETTER IN WHICH HE WANTED
24 TO SUPPORT THE BAY WATER PLAN. I DON'T KNOW TOO MUCH ABOUT THE
25 PLAN, BUT LIKE THE SPEAKER PREVIOUSLY SAID, IF IT'S JUST



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1 SUPPORTING BIG AGRICULTURE, THAT'S GOING TO USE WHO KNOWS WHAT
2 KIND OF FERTILIZERS ON THEIR CROPS, I DON'T THINK THAT'S GOOD.
3 WE COULD LOOK AT INVESTING IN OUR LOCAL WATER INFRASTRUCTURE
4 TO MAKE SURE WE HAVE RESILIENCE IN CASE OF AN EARTHQUAKE OR
5 WHATEVER. SO INVEST MORE IN THE LOCAL WATER INFRASTRUCTURE. I
6 DON'T KNOW TOO MUCH ABOUT THE ISSUE, BUT THAT'S MY OPINION.
7 THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT
10 SPEAKER, PLEASE.

11

12 **BRUCE CAMPBELL:** GOOD DAY, PATIENT COUNTY SUPERVISORS. I'M
13 BRUCE CAMPBELL FROM WEST L.A. AREA. THE TWO TUNNELS PROPOSED
14 THROUGH THE SACRAMENTO DELTA WOULD VERY LIKELY RESULT IN THE
15 COLLAPSE OF THE FOOD CHAIN IN THE WORLD'S LARGEST ESTUARYAN
16 DELTA, THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY-SACRAMENTO DELTA BEGINNING WITH
17 THE EXTINCTION OF THE DELTA SMELT, THE TINY FISH AT THE BASE
18 OF THE FOOD CHAIN. THOUGH MY MAIN CONCERN IS ENVIRONMENTAL BUT
19 IT IS FINANCIALLY RECKLESS FOR THE RATE PAYERS OF SOUTHERN
20 CALIFORNIA TO FOOT A LARGE PART OF THE BILL WHEN THE PROJECT
21 IS DESIGNED TO HELP A GIANT CHEMICAL AGRIBUSINESS COMPANIES AS
22 WELL AS A FEW DEVELOPERS WHO WANT TO BUILD NEW TOWNS. LET THE
23 FORMAL DOCUMENTS COME OUT AND BE THOROUGHLY REVIEWED BEFORE
24 CONSIDERING ANY POSITION ON THE MATTER. I ALSO NOTE THAT THE
25 HABITAT CONSERVATION PLAN IS PART OF THE PACKAGE. H.C.P.S ARE



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1 A BACK ROOM METHOD TO ALLOW THE DESTRUCTION OF CRITICAL
2 HABITAT. I WORKED ON CRITICAL ANALYSIS OF THE PACIFIC LUMBER
3 COMPANY HABITAT CONSERVATION PLAN, THE ONES WHO OWN 90 PERCENT
4 OF THE ANCIENT WOOD WAS LEFT ON PRIVATE LAND BEFORE THEY
5 LIQUIDATED THEIR ASSETS TO PAY OFF JUNK BONDS AND BASICALLY
6 THE HABITAT CONSERVATION PLAN, THOUGH IT SOUNDS GOOD, IS
7 BASICALLY AN EXCUSE TO ALLOW LIQUIDATION OF ALMOST ALL THE RED
8 FOOD FORESTS ON THAT COMPANY'S LAND. SO I'M GLAD THIS WAS
9 TEMPORARILY WITHDRAWN. AND PLEASE LOOK WITH A WARY EYE TOWARD
10 WHAT THEY'RE UP TO WITH THE BAY DELTA PLAN. THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
13 WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER. SIR?

14

15 **WALKER FOLEY:** MY NAME IS WALKER FOLEY AND THAT'S REALLY LOUD.
16 AND I AM A VOLUNTEER ORGANIZER FOR FOOD AND WATER WATCH, WHICH
17 IS AN ORGANIZATION THAT IS LARGELY CONSUMER ADVOCACY AND WORKS
18 TO PROTECT THE RIGHT OF CONSUMERS TO FRESH WATER. SO I'LL JUST
19 GET THROUGH THIS QUICK. THE BAY DELTA CONSERVATION PLAN IS
20 PRETTY MUCH A SHORT-SIGHTED SCHEME TO INCREASE WATER FLOW TO,
21 AS THE OTHER SPEAKERS SUGGESTED, LARGE AGRICULTURE OPERATIONS
22 AND OIL DRILLING AND AND EXTRACTION PROJECTS. MOSTLY IN KEARN
23 COUNTY AND IN THE CENTRAL VALLEY. THE TAXPAYERS AND THE RATE
24 PAYERS RIGHT NOW ARE BEING ASKED TO PUBLICLY FUND THAT
25 PROJECT. AND IT WILL ONLY BENEFIT PRIVATE BUSINESSES, NOT THE



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1 RATE PAYERS THEMSELVES. THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT WANTS
2 YOU TO BELIEVE THIS IS AN INSURANCE POLICY AGAINST
3 EARTHQUAKES. BUT YOU CAN'T REALLY EXPECT THAT AN UNDERGROUND
4 TUNNEL UNDERNEATH THE DELTA IS GOING TO WITHSTAND ANY
5 EARTHQUAKES ANY BETTER THAN THE CURRENT LEVIES ALREADY DO. AND
6 IN ADDITION, THE DIAMOND VALLEY RESERVOIR ALREADY SERVES AS AN
7 EARTHQUAKE INSURANCE POLICY TO LOS ANGELES. IF WE WANT AN
8 INSURANCE POLICY AGAINST EARTHQUAKES, THEN WE SHOULD SPEND
9 RATE PAYER MONEY TO REPAIR THE AGING AND LEAKING LOCAL
10 INFRASTRUCTURES HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND DEVELOP GROUND
11 WATER RESOURCES HERE, AS WELL. D.W.P. AND THE DEPARTMENT OF
12 RESOURCES HAS ALREADY SAID THAT THIS PROJECT IS NOT GOING TO
13 PROVIDE ADDITIONAL WATER TO LOS ANGELES. THEY'VE SAID THAT. SO
14 IT'S RIDICULOUS TO ASK LOS ANGELES RATE PAYERS TO PAY FOR A
15 PROJECT THAT IS NOT GOING TO BENEFIT THEM. YOU KNOW, IT WOULD
16 BE UNCONSCIONABLE FOR ANYBODY REALLY TO APPROVE THIS PROJECT
17 BEFORE REVIEWING AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT, WHICH ISN'T
18 DUE UNTIL DECEMBER 13TH. AND THE COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS OF THIS
19 PROJECT HASN'T EVEN BEEN DONE YET. SO I REALLY RESPECT, THANK
20 YOU, I REALLY RESPECT THE DECISION TO WITHDRAW THIS UNTIL
21 FUTURE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

22
23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR
24 TESTIMONY. MA'AM?

25



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1 **ALEXANDRA NAGY:** HELLO, EVERYONE. MY NAME IS ALEXANDRA NAGY.
2 I'M A SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ORGANIZER WITH FOOD AND WATER WATCH.
3 LIKE WALKER FOLEY WE'RE A CONSUMER ADVOCACY GROUP WORKING TO
4 ENSURE THAT WATER POLICY IS FAIR AND ACCESSIBLE TO EVERYONE.
5 AND SO WE WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR KNABE FOR WITHDRAWING THIS
6 BECAUSE WE DO AGREE THAT A DECISION TODAY WOULD BE UNTIMELY
7 AND RUSHED CONSIDERING THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT HAS NOT
8 COME OUT YET. THERE HAS NOT BEEN A COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS DONE
9 YET. AND WE ARE AWARE THAT THE BOARD HAS NOT HEARD FROM THE
10 OTHER SIDE, FROM THE OPPONENTS AND LEADING WATER EXPERTS ON
11 THE RESTORATION OF THE SACRAMENTO DELTA. AND SO CONTRARY TO
12 PROPOSERS' CLAIMS, NEW TUNNEL'S LOCATED 350 MILES NORTH OF
13 LOS ANGELES WOULD NOT SAFEGUARD OUR WATER SUPPLY FROM A MAJOR
14 EARTHQUAKE. AS THE UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY ESTIMATES,
15 THAT A MAJOR EARTHQUAKE IS MORE LIKELY TO OCCUR IN SOUTHERN
16 CALIFORNIA THAN IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES CITIES
17 MUST PRIORITIZE AND ACCELERATE THE REPAIRING OF ITS AGING AND
18 BREAKING LOCAL WATER DELIVERY SYSTEM. GIVEN THAT AN EARTHQUAKE
19 COULD ALSO COMPROMISE PIPE LINES THAT DELIVER IMPORTED WATER,
20 DIVERSIFYING OUR WATER SOURCES BY INCREASING OUR GROUND WATER
21 SUPPLY AND CAPTURING RAIN WATER WILL PROTECT THE PUBLIC'S
22 ACCESS TO WATER IN AN EARTHQUAKE. IN ADDITION, BOTH THE L.A.
23 DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND POWER AND THE METROPOLITAN WATER
24 DISTRICT HAVE INVESTED BILLIONS IN ADDITIONAL RESERVES, SUCH
25 AS THE DIAMOND VALLEY LAKE AND IN TIMES OF DROUGHT OR



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1 EMERGENCIES. THE TUNNELS PROJECT IS ESTIMATED TO COST 54.1
2 BILLION WITH FINANCING AND IT'S UNNECESSARY WHEN MORE
3 EFFICIENT REGIONAL AND LOCAL PROJECTS ARE CONSIDERED. INSTEAD
4 IT WOULD BENEFIT A FEW POWERFUL INTERESTS OUTSIDE OF LOS
5 ANGELES COUNTY AT THE EXPENSE OF RATE PAYERS AND TAXPAYERS IN
6 LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE URGE YOU TO WITHHOLD SUPPORT FROM THE
7 B.D.C.P. UNTIL MORE INFORMATION CAN BE CONSIDERED BECAUSE THIS
8 WILL UNFAIRLY INCREASE URBAN WATER RATES AND TAXES AND WILL
9 SIPHON FUNDING AWAY FROM INVESTMENTS IN LOCAL WATER PROJECTS
10 THAT WOULD IMPROVE THE RELIABILITY OF OUR WATER SUPPLY. AND I
11 HAVE THESE --

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13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THE SERGEANT WILL TAKE IT.

14

15 **ALEXANDRA NAGY:** INFORMATION PACKETS FOR EVERYONE ON THE BOARD.

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17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THE
18 SERGEANT WILL DISTRIBUTE THEM TO THE BOARD MEMBERS. NEXT
19 SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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21 **BRENNA NORTON:** GOOD AFTERNOON.

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23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** GOOD AFTER GLOON.

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1 **BRENNA NORTON:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS BRENNA NORTON A
2 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ORGANIZER ALSO WITH THE FOOD AND WATER
3 WATCH.

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5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT.

6
7 **BRENNA NORTON:** THANK YOU TO SUPERVISOR KNABE FOR WITHDRAWING
8 THIS MOTION. VERY MUCH APPRECIATE THAT IN LIGHT OF THE FACT
9 THAT EXPERTS HAVE NOT BEEN BROUGHT INTO THIS PROCESS YET. I
10 THINK EVERYTHING'S BEEN SAID HERE VERY WELL BUT WE LOOK
11 FORWARD TO BRIEFING THE OFFICES ON THIS ISSUE. MANY THAT HAVE
12 WORKED ON THIS FOR DECADES. AND REALLY THAT THIS PROJECT
13 BENEFITS NO ONE IN L.A. COUNTY. AND AS MY FRIENDS HERE SPOKE
14 ABOUT LOS ANGELES CITY, LONG BEACH AND SANTA MONICA ARE ALL
15 PLANNING TO DRASTICALLY REDUCE THEIR USE OF IMPORTED WATER AND
16 WILL NOT GET A SINGLE DROP OF WATER FROM THIS PROJECT. THERE
17 ARE MORE EFFICIENT LOCAL AND REGIONAL WATER PROGRAMS THAT CAN
18 BE USED AND ARE ALREADY BEING USED BY THESE CITIES. AND THESE
19 ARE THE MOST COST-EFFECTIVE PROGRAMS BUT ALSO PRODUCE LOCAL
20 JOBS. AND IF WE'RE PAYING FOR A 50 BILLION DOLLAR WATER
21 PROJECT TO NORTHERN CALIFORNIA, WE WON'T HAVE THOSE LOCAL JOBS
22 AND WE WON'T HAVE RELIABLE WATER SUPPLY HERE IN CASE OF AN
23 EARTHQUAKE. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MANY OF OUR FRIENDS HAD TO
24 LEAVE EARLY TODAY BUT WE APPRECIATE YOU TAKING PUBLIC COMMENT



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1 AND LOOKING FORWARD TO SPEAKING WITH YOUR OFFICES IN MORE
2 DEPTH.

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
5 WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER?

6

7 **SHEILA GOLDNER:** MY NAME IS SHEILA GOLDNER, I'M A HOMEOWNER IN
8 NORTH HOLLYWOOD. I THANK SUPERVISOR KNABE FOR WITHDRAWING THE
9 MOTION. I CAN'T AFFORD TO HAVE EITHER MY D.W.P. BILL OR
10 PROPERTY TAXES RAISED. AND THE PEOPLE REJECTED A REFERENDUM IN
11 1982 AND THEY SHOULD DO IT AGAIN. THANK YOU.

12

13 **DOROTHY REIK:** MY NAME'S DOROTHY REIK, AGAIN PROGRESSIVE
14 DEMOCRATS OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS. I'VE BEEN HEARING
15 ABOUT THIS PROJECT IT SEEMS FOR A LONG TIME. EVERYTHING I HEAR
16 ABOUT IT IS NEGATIVE. ONE THING HASN'T BEEN MENTIONED REALLY
17 IS THAT THIS ENCOURAGES PEOPLE IN THE CENTRAL VALLEY TO GROW
18 CROPS THAT ARE NOT MEANT TO BE GROWN IN CENTRAL VALLEY SUCH AS
19 RICE, WHICH IS, YOU KNOW, A WASTE OF MONEY. RICE SHOULD BE
20 GROWN IN AREAS THAT ARE WET. AND CENTRAL VALLEY IS NOT WET. SO
21 WE'RE JUST ENCOURAGING THE WASTE OF WATER AND USING WATER FOR
22 THINGS THAT ARE NOT APPROPRIATE TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY
23 TAXPAYERS ARE BEING ASKED TO SUBSIDIZE THIS. ALSO I UNDERSTAND
24 THAT THIS WATER COULD BE SOLD AT A HIGH PRICE TO OIL COMPANIES
25 TO FACILITATE THEIR FRACKING. AND WE CERTAINLY DON'T WANT TO



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1 ENCOURAGE THEM TO DO ANY FRACKING IN CALIFORNIA. SO I'M
2 OPPOSED TO THIS. I THINK ALL THE PEOPLE, THE THOUSAND PEOPLE
3 ON MY LISTSERVE BACK ME UP ON THAT. AND WE HOPE THAT -- WE
4 THANK SUPERVISOR KNABE FOR TABLING THIS AND RETURNING IT TO
5 THE COMMITTEE. AND WE HOPE THAT DECIDE TO VOTE AGAINST IT.
6 THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. PURSUANT
9 TO THE REQUEST OF SUPERVISOR KNABE, THE MATTER IS TAKEN OFF OF
10 CALENDAR AND WE'LL PROCEED TO THE NEXT ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE
11 OFFICER, ARE WE READY FOR ITEM NUMBER 45 NOW?

12

13 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** YES, ITEM NUMBER 45, DEPARTMENT OF
14 MENTAL HEALTH? C.E.O.?

15

16 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** DR. SOUTHARD IS COMING UP.

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18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WELCOME DR. SOUTHARD, WE HAVE
19 TWO PEOPLE WHO WISH TO BE HEARD, ERIC PREVEN AND ARNOLD SACHS,
20 SO THEY WILL FOLLOW YOUR PRESENTATION.

21

22 **MARVIN SOUTHARD:** MR. CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, THIS ITEM
23 WAS HELD TO ANSWER QUESTIONS THAT YOUR OFFICES HAD ABOUT THE
24 25 MILLION DOLLAR ONE-TIME ALLOTMENT IN THE SUPPLEMENTAL
25 BUDGET FOR EXTENSION OF EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICES FOR



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1 PREVENTION AND EARLY INTERVENTION. WHERE THE MONEY CAME FROM,
2 HOW IT WAS ALLOCATED AND WHAT KINDS OF PROGRAMS IT PAID FOR
3 AND WHAT KINDS OF AGENCIES. MY STAFF MET WITH EACH OF YOUR
4 OFFICES TO ANSWER ALL OF THE QUESTIONS THAT YOUR STAFF HAD.
5 AND I WOULD WELCOME ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS THAT YOU MAY HAVE
6 FOR ME.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. MEMBERS OF THE BOARD,
9 ITEM NO. 45 IS BEFORE YOU. DR. SOUTHARD HAS BRIEFED OUR
10 RESPECTIVE OFFICES. DO YOU HAVE ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS FOR HIM
11 AT THIS TIME? 45, DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH. AND THE
12 RESPONSE TO A MOTION ON THE PAST AND PROPOSED US OF MENTAL
13 HEALTH SERVICES ACT FUNDS. SUPERVISOR KNABE MOVES APPROVAL.
14 AND BEFORE ADOPTION, WE'LL HEAR FROM TWO INDIVIDUALS WHO I
15 INDICATED EARLIER, ERIC PREVEN AND ARNOLD SACHS.

16

17 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES, IT'S ERIC PREVEN THE COUNTY RESIDENT FROM
18 DISTRICT 3. I'LL MAKE IT EXCEPTIONALLY BRIEF. THE MENTAL
19 HEALTH PROGRAMS THAT WE ARE CLAMORING FOR IN THE CONTEXT OF
20 THE ALTERNATIVE TO INCARCERATION ARE INCREDIBLY IMPORTANT. AND
21 I KNOW THE BOARD IS SUPPORTIVE OF THAT. THE ONE CONCERN THAT
22 WE HAVE HAD AND WE NEED TO BE VIGILANT, WE HAD AN ITEM LAST
23 WEEK WITH DOCTOR FIELDING IS WE NEED TO ENSURE THAT THE
24 OUTFITS WITH WHOM WE ARE CONTRACTING, AND SOME OF THESE ARE
25 VERY USUAL CUSTOMERS LIKE TARZANA AND PROTOTYPES AND MANY,



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1 THERE'S A LONG LIST, WE JUST NEED TO BE SURE THAT THERE IS A
2 MECHANISM IN PLACE TO PREVENT WHAT WE HAVE UNCOVERED IN LOTS
3 OF THESE ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING, YOU KNOW, DREW GRIFFIN AND
4 C.N.N. WOULD BE THE EASIEST WAY FOR THIS BOARD TO REFERENCE
5 THE KINDS OF PROBLEMS IN SOME OF THESE REHAB PROGRAMS. AND I
6 REALIZE THAT THIS IS MENTAL HEALTH, WHICH IS ONLY ONE SECTION
7 OF THAT, AND SOME OF THOSE PROGRAMS ARE APPLICABLE AND SOME
8 ARE NOT. BUT I WOULD URGE THE BOARD TO BUILD INTO THE FUNDING
9 A KIND OF AN ACCOUNTABILITY SO THAT WE DON'T GET SCREWED.

10 THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. THANK YOU.

13

14 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS.
15 AND MY CONCERNS, ACTUALLY THE PREVENTION AND EARLY
16 INTERVENTION PART OF THIS MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT. IT'S A
17 LARGE CONCERN. THE IDEA THAT THERE ARE PEOPLE THAT WOULD LIVE
18 IN A FANTASY WORLD YET HAVE CONFLICTS WITH REALITY IS A
19 CONCERN TO ME. AND I'M WONDERING IF THE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE
20 ACT HAS FUNDING THAT WOULD ASSIST IN LOOKING INTO THAT
21 SITUATION. THERE ARE PEOPLE THAT OFFER UP A LOT OF
22 PROJECTIONS, YET THEY LIVE IN A WORLD OF DENIAL. AND I'M
23 WONDERING IF THE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT FUNDS HAS STEPS OR
24 PROCEDURES TO LOOK INTO THAT SITUATION. I'M REALLY CONCERNED
25 BECAUSE WHAT I'M DESCRIBING IS ACTION BY THE M.T.A. BOARD.



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1 THEY LIVE IN A FANTASY OF CREATING LEGISLATION. YET THEY DENY
2 OR THEY FIND THEMSELVES WITH CONFLICTS WITH REALITY. BUT
3 THEY'RE HAPPY IN FANTASY LAND. AND THEY PROJECT THAT OTHERS
4 ARE SOMEWHAT INSANE AND THEY DENY THE TRUE FACTS. SO WHILE THE
5 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT MAY LOOK INTO HELPING THE PUBLIC,
6 IT REALLY OUGHT TO LOOK INTO THE HEALTH OF SOME ELECTED
7 OFFICIALS.

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THAT CLOSES THE PUBLIC HEARING
10 ON THE MATTER. NOTHING ELSE IS TO COME BEFORE. PLEASE NOTE
11 THAT WE'LL RECEIVE AND FILE THE REPORT. AND THAT WILL BE THE
12 ORDER. NEXT ITEM, PLEASE? I THINK WE HAVE 35 AND 43 BEING
13 HELD, IS THAT NOT CORRECT?

14

15 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** CORRECT.

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17 **SUP. KNABE:** ITEM 35 I HELD. I JUST HAD A QUESTION FOR PUBLIC
18 WORKS.

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20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** PUBLIC WORKS, OKAY.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE:** I UNDERSTAND THAT THE NEW ORDINANCE IS PROGRESSIVE
23 AND IT REALLY ONLY APPLIES TO ALL NEW CONSTRUCTION. BUT IT
24 GOES BEYOND THE M.S.4 PERMIT AS I UNDERSTAND IT, AM I CORRECT?

25



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1 **SPEAKER:** WELL, SUPERVISOR, THE PERMIT DOESN'T NECESSARILY GO
2 BEYOND THE M.S.4 PERMIT, BUT IT DOES PRESERVE THE PROTECTIONS
3 THAT IS WERE IN PLACE UNDER THE EXISTING LOW-IMPACT ORDINANCE.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL AS WITH ANYTHING, OBVIOUSLY THE ISSUE OF TIME
6 BECOMES APPARENT ANY TIME YOU START MESSING WITH THIS PROCESS.
7 SO I GUESS WHAT IS THE DEPARTMENT GOING TO DO TO ENSURE THE
8 PLAN CHECK SERVICES AND THE COUNSELING ARE PROVIDED IN A
9 TIMELY MANNER?

10

11 **SPEAKER:** AS PART OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF THIS ORDINANCE, WE'VE
12 LOOKED INTERNALLY. AND THE PROCESSES THAT ARE GOING TO BE IN
13 PLACE TO COMPLY WITH THE AMENDMENTS TO THIS ORDINANCE WILL BE
14 VERY SIMILAR TO THE WAY WE CURRENTLY HANDLE THE LOW IMPACT
15 DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCES. THE REVIEWS WILL BE VERY SIMILAR. THE
16 TECHNOLOGIES SIMILAR.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE:** IN A TIMELY MANNER?

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20 **SPEAKER:** IN A TIMELY MANNER, YES.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE:** ARE THEY GOING TO INCREASE THE FEES?

23

24 **SPEAKER:** NO, NO FEE INCREASES ARE PROPOSED.

25



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1 **SUP. KNABE:** SO THEN YOU'LL BE COMING BACK TO US WITH THE NEW
2 STAFF POSITIONS IN THE '14/'15 BUDGET, IS THAT CORRECT?

3

4 **SPEAKER:** NO, THAT'S NOT ANTICIPATED OR PLANNED, SUPERVISOR.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** IT'S BEEN MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
9 KNABE. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA. PLEASE RECORD A
10 UNANIMOUS VOTE.

11

12 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ITEM NUMBER 43?

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR?

15

16 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** OH, I APOLOGIZE, IT WAS RELATED TO
17 ITEM NUMBER 35.

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THEY ARE CONNECTED? SO AS IT
20 RELATES TO ITEM 35 AND 43, PLEASE RECORD A UNANIMOUS VOTE AS
21 MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA.
22 ALL RIGHT? NEXT ITEM, PLEASE.

23

24 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ADJOURNMENTS?

25



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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. AS IT RELATES TO THE
2 ADJOURNMENTS, MAY I -- MR. CHAIRMAN, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

3
4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ON 47-B, COULD WE ADD "BUS STOPS" ON COPY? IT
5 SAYS "PROXIMITY TO SORENSON COUNTY PARK, TWIN LAKES, COMMUNITY
6 CHURCH" AND THEN ADD "AND BUS STOPS", COPIES TO THE TWO CITY
7 COUNCILS AND AREA TOWN COUNCILS. THANK YOU.

8
9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. IF THERE ARE NO
10 OBJECTIONS TO ITEM 47-B AS INITIATED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH,
11 AS AMENDED, NO OBJECTIONS? UNANIMOUS VOTE. THANK YOU. NOW WE
12 MOVE TO ADJOURNMENTS. PLEASE JOIN ME IN ADJOURNING IN MEMORY
13 OF EMILY MASON WARE BORN ON JUNE 25, 1916 IN THE GREAT STATE
14 OF ALABAMA AND PASSED AWAY ON OCTOBER 25TH AT THE AGE OF 97.
15 SHE BEGAN HER CAREER WITH LOS ANGELES COUNTY IN 1945 AS A FILE
16 CLERK AND PROGRESSED THROUGH THE RANKS TO BECOME A DEPUTY
17 SHERIFF FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. SHE WAS
18 THE SECOND AFRICAN-AMERICAN WOMAN TO BE HIRED AS A DEPUTY AND
19 THE FIRST TO WORK IN TRANSPORTATION. MS. WARE RESIGNED FROM
20 COUNTY IN 1956 IN ORDER TO SPEND MORE TIME AT HOME AND TO
21 PURSUE A COLLEGE EDUCATION. SHE EARNED HER BACHELOR'S DEGREE
22 AND BEGAN TEACHING IN 1961. SHE CURRENTLY SERVED AS CHAIR OF
23 THE JORDAN HIGH SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND IS ACTIVE IN THE
24 PARENT TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION AT SEVERAL SCHOOLS. MS. WARE
25 WORKED AS A SPECIALIST BEFORE RETIRING FROM THE UNIFIED SCHOOL



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1 DISTRICT IN 1982. SHE COMMITTED COUNTLESS HOURS OF SERVICE TO
2 THE COMMUNITY AS A 25-YEAR VOLUNTEER FOR THE FOUNDATION FOR
3 THE JUNIOR BLIND. CREDITED AS ONE OF THE COFOUNDERS OF THE UP
4 WARD BOUND PROGRAM IN U.C.L.A. SHE WAS ALSO A LONG-STANDING OF
5 PROJECT JORDAN. MS. WARE WAS ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN THE CANCER
6 SOCIETY, WATTS COORDINATING COUNCIL, RED CROSS, WATCH TOWER
7 COMMUNITY ADVISORY AND SERVED ON THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO
8 CONGRESSMAN, THE LATE CONGRESSMAN AUGUSTUS HAWKINS. SHE WAS
9 THE RECIPIENTS OF MANY ACCOLADES FOR HER PHILANTHROPIC SPIRIT
10 AND TIRELESS DEDICATION TO EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY PROJECTS.
11 AFFECTIONATELY KNOWN AS "MOM WARE" SHE OPENED HER HOME TO
12 NUMEROUS FOSTER CHILDREN AND AND AND WAS A DEVOTED MEMBER OF
13 THE GRANT A.M.E. CHURCH. MS. WARE IS SURVIVED BY HER DAUGHTERS
14 EMILY, CLAUDIA AND SYLVIA AND A HOST OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS WHO
15 WILL MISS HER VERY DEARLY. THAT CONCLUDES MY ADJOURNING
16 MOTIONS FOR TODAY. WE TURN NOW TO THE THIRD DISTRICT.

17
18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I HAVE A COUPLE ADJOURNING MOTIONS. I DON'T
19 HAVE THE PAPERWORK ON THEM, BUT WE'LL GET IT TO YOU. I'D LIKE
20 TO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF MICHAEL DINNEN, LIFE-LONG
21 FRIEND OF MINE WHO PASSED AWAY AFTER A LONG ILLNESS WITH
22 MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY. HIGH SCHOOL CLASSMATE OF MINE. HE'S
23 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE GLENY AND HIS DAUGHTER RENA AND SON-IN-
24 LAW AND TWO GRANDCHILDREN. I ALSO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN
25 MEMORY OF DANIEL R. SULLIVAN. DAN SULLIVAN WAS A FORMER DEPUTY



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1 CHIEF IN THE LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT WHO PASSED AWAY
2 SUDDENLY ABOUT A WEEK AND A HALF AGO. I DON'T HAVE ALL THE
3 DETAILS. BUT I WILL GET IT TO YOU, TO THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE.
4 BUT DAN WAS A COP'S COP AND AS CLOSE A FRIEND AS I HAD IN THE
5 LAPD WHEN I WAS A CITY COUNCILMAN. HE REPRESENTED THE
6 DEPARTMENT IN MY PART OF TOWN. HE WAS A DEPUTY CHIEF IN WEST
7 BUREAU. HE WAS A COMMANDER IN WEST BUREAU AND WAS A BRILLIANT,
8 BRILLIANT GUY WHO IF THE CHIPS HAD FALLEN THE RIGHT WAY COULD
9 HAVE ACTUALLY BEEN THE CHIEF OF POLICE OF THE CITY OF LOS
10 ANGELES, HE WAS THAT GOOD. I WILL GET -- I KNOW HE'S SURVIVED
11 BY ONE SON. AND I'LL GET THE BOARD SECRETARY THE INFORMATION.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

14

15 **SUP. KNABE:** YES, MR. CHAIRMAN. FIRST OF ALL, I'D ASK ALL
16 MEMBERS TO JOIN WITH ME IN MEMORY OF BILL SHARMAN, HALL OF
17 FAMER WHO WON, AS WE ALL KNOW, MULTIPLE TITLES BOTH AS A
18 PLAYER FOR THE CELTICS AS WELL AS A COACH FOR THE LAKERS WHO
19 PASSED AWAY IN HIS REDONDO BEACH HOME RECENTLY AT THE AGE OF
20 87. HE PLAYED IN HIS FIRST N.B.A. SEASON WITH THE WASHINGTON
21 CAPITOLS AND RED AUERBACH AND LATER LANDED WITH BOSTON. AND,
22 AS WE ALL KNOW, SHARMAN TOOK OVER THE LAKERS WHO REACHED SEVEN
23 N.B.A. FINALS WITHOUT WINNING A TITLE. AND WITH THE HALL OF
24 FAME TALENTS OF WILT CHAMBERLAIN, JERRY WEST, GAIL [GOODRICH]
25 AND OTHERS THEY WENT TWO MONTHS WITHOUT LOSING A GAME DURING



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1 THE DEBUT SEASON AND SETTING A RECORD WITH 33-GAME WINNING
2 STREAK BEFORE STEAM ROLLING THROUGH THE PLAYOFFS TO A
3 CHAMPIONSHIP, FIRST OF 11 FOR THE LAKERS HERE IN L.A. SURVIVED
4 BY HIS WONDERFUL WIFE JOYCE, THEIR DAUGHTERS NANCY AND JANICE,
5 SONS TOM AND JERRY. SO WE WANT TO GIVE OUR THOUGHTS AND
6 PRAYERS TO THE FAMILY. GREAT GUY. ALWAYS WILLING TO GIVE IN
7 ADDITION TO BEING AN OUTSTANDING PLAYER AND COACH. ALL
8 MEMBERS.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BASKETBALL COACH. WELL LOVED ON THE CAMPUS
11 AND AS PART OF THE FAMILY.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE:** ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF A GOOD FRIEND,
14 LONGTIME FRIEND SHURL CURCI, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD AT
15 TRANSPACIFIC DEVELOPMENT WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 84.
16 GRADUATED U.S.C. IN CIVIL ENGINEERING HAD A DISTINGUISHED
17 CAREER IN REAL ESTATE. HE AND HIS WIFE KAY COFOUNDED THE SHURL
18 AND KAY CURCI FOUNDATION TO SUPPORT SCIENCE-BASED RESEARCH. HE
19 WAS ALSO KNOWN FOR HIS VERY GENEROUS PHILANTHROPIC
20 CONTRIBUTION. SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE KAY, DAUGHTER LISA, TWO
21 SONS NORMAN AND VINCENT AND SEVEN GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO THAT WE
22 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF KAREN LAFFERTY, LONG- TIME EMPLOYEE OF
23 THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING PASSED AWAY RECENTLY. SHE
24 BEGAN HER CAREER IN 1999 AS A REGIONAL PLANNING ASSISTANT IN
25 THE CURRENT PLANNING DIVISION. HE WAS PROMOTED TO SENIOR



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1 REGIONAL PLANNING ASSISTANT IN 2001 THEN IN 2004 TO PRINCIPAL
2 REGIONAL PLANNING ASSISTANT FINALLY FOLLOWED BY ADVANCED
3 PLANNING DIVISION IN 2012 WHERE SHE REMAINED ON ASSIGNMENT
4 UNTIL RECENTLY. SHE WAS AN OUTSTANDING HARD- WORKING EMPLOYEE
5 AND CARING LOVING PERSON WHO WAS A FRIEND TO ALL WHO KNEW HER.
6 SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND KEVIN, SON TANNER AND MOTHER
7 ANNE. ALSO WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF BOBBY SAN JOSE. A STANDOUT
8 ATHLETE AT WILSON HIGH SCHOOL. AFTER HE PASSED AWAY RECENTLY
9 AFTER HE WAS HIT BY A CAR NEART HEARTWELL PARK IN LONG BEACH
10 AT THE AGE OF 46. SECOND YOUNGEST IN THE FAMILY OF SIX BOYS
11 AND TWO GIRLS. GIFTED ATHLETE. NATURAL ATHLETE. STARTED WILSON
12 THEN WENT ON TO PLAY QUARTERBACK AT U.C.L.A. AND CAL STATE
13 LONG BEACH. SURVIVED BY HIS MOTHER JEANIE AND SIBLINGS. WILL
14 BE MISSED BY ALL. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF MARY
15 MARSHALL HARPER, ROLLING HILLS RESIDENT, FORMER REDONDO BEACH
16 UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL TEACHER PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE
17 OF 80. BORN IN WHITTIER GREW UP IN SOUTH BAY ATTENDED REDONDO
18 UNION, COLORADO WOMEN'S COLLEGE, U.C. SANTA BARBARA AND CAL
19 STATE LONG BEACH. SHE SERVED AS REDONDO BEACH TEACHER FOR 38
20 YEARS. WAS A GREAT INSPIRATIONAL TEACHER WHO WAS PATIENT,
21 ENCOURAGING TO ALL HER STUDENTS. HER LIFE WAS CENTERED ON HER
22 FAMILY AND HER CHRISTIAN FAITH. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER
23 HUSBAND, DAVID, DAUGHTERS BECKY AND HILLARY, FIVE
24 GRANDCHILDREN AND OTHER FAMILY AND FRIENDS. ALSO WE ADJOURN IN
25 MEMORY OF KRISTOPHER KASSABIAN, A RANCHO PALOS VERDE RESIDENT



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1 WHO PASSED AWAY ON OCTOBER 22ND AFTER A TRAGIC TRAFFIC
2 ACCIDENT IN SAN PEDRO AT THE YOUNG AGE OF 27. HE WILL BE
3 MISSED BY HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS. FINALLY THAT WE ADJOURN IN
4 MEMORY OF LUCILLE ROBINSON, 55-YEAR RESIDENT OF THE FOURTH
5 DISTRICT WHOO PASSED AWAY ON OCTOBER 9TH. SURVIVED BY HER FOUR
6 DAUGHTERS, KIMBERLY, MARSHA, SHEILA AND CHANDRA, TWO SONS,
7 ANGELUS AND MARK, STEPSON JOHNNY, TWO SISTERS, ONE BROTHER,
8 EIGHT GRANDCHILDREN AND THREE GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. AND THOSE
9 ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KNABE.
12 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, PLEASE?

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** CHAIR, MEMBERS, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF GAY
15 KAY, MICROBIOLOGIST WHO RESIDED IN GLENDALE. PASSED AWAY AT
16 THE AGE OF 83. HE HAD ALSO BEEN THE ADULT SCOUT LEADER AND CUB
17 MASTER AND SCOUT MASTER, SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE ANGELA AND THEIR
18 12 CHILDREN AND HIS BROTHER. MOTHER TO DEBBIE LIZZARI PASSED
19 AWAY ON OCTOBER 21ST, MARION LIZZARI. SHE WAS A MEMBER OF THE
20 ARTS AND CRAFTS GUILD AS WELL AS THE DESERT ROSE RED HATS
21 CLUB. SURVIVED BY HER TWO DAUGHTERS AND HER TWO SONS. BURNIE
22 ODELL MAY, RESIDENT OF LANCASTER, WORLD WAR II VETERAN IN THE
23 UNITED STATES ARMY. ISERVED IN THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE AND THE
24 CROSSING OF THE RHINE. HE ENTERED THE CAREER WITH ROCKWELL
25 INTERNATIONAL AFTER THE WAR AND RETIRED IN 1979. HE IS



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1 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 71 YEARS, HELEN AND THEIR DAUGHTERS
2 AND FIVE GRANDCHILDREN AND FIVE GREAT GRANDCHILDREN AND ONE
3 GREAT GREAT GRANDCHILD. GEORGE VESELINOVICH PASSED AWAY ON
4 OCTOBER 14 AT THE AGE OF 78. GEORGE WAS A MEAT CUTTER, AND
5 AFTER RETIRING JOINED THE FAMILY BUSINESS, WHICH IS THE SANTA
6 MONICA STATIONERS. HE ENJOYED HORSE RACING AND CLASSIC MOVIES.
7 HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, SISTERS AND BROTHERS AND CHILDREN.
8 ALSO ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ROSALIE PARKER CAMPBELL PASSED AWAY
9 AT THE AGE OF 87. LONGTIME RESIDENT OF ARCADIA, SURVIVED BY
10 HER HUSBAND OF 61 YEARS RAYMOND AND THEIR CHILDREN. CHARLES
11 ELROY BRISTER PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 79, RESIDENT OF
12 DUARTE, GREW UP IN MONROVIA. RETIRED FROM THE U.S. POST OFFICE
13 AFTER 44 YEARS AND SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE. HE
14 LEAVES HIS WIFE OF 57 YEARS AND THEIR THREE CHILDREN.

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16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR
17 MOLINA, DO YOU HAVE ANY ADJOURNING MOTIONS? ALL RIGHT. SEEING
18 THAT THERE ARE NO FURTHER ADJOURNING MOTIONS, WE THANK THE
19 MEMBERS WHO DID HAVE THEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER?

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21 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** PUBLIC COMMENT?

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23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. WE'LL MOVE FORTHWITH.
24 ERIC PREVEN, OSCAR JOHNSON, ARNOLD SACHS, MICHAEL KLUBNIKIN,



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1 KENT MINAULT, JOHN WALSH, RICHARD ROBINSON AND FINALLY DAVID
2 SERRANO. MR. PREVEN, IF YOU WOULD PROCEED, PLEASE?

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4 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES, IT'S ERIC PREVEN, THE COUNTY RESIDENT FROM
5 DISTRICT 3 AND I'LL BE BRIEF. I WANTED TO ENGAGE WITH
6 SUPERVISOR MOLINA, BUT I'LL ADDRESS THE CHAIR AS IS CUSTOMARY.
7 THE MEDIA, RATHER, THE EDITORIAL BOARDS OF BOTH OF THE "LOS
8 ANGELES TIMES" AND THE "NEW YORK TIMES" HAVE BOTH COME OUT IN
9 THE LAST COUPLE DAYS WITH EDITORIALS THAT REALLY SPEAK TO WHAT
10 GLORIA HAS BEEN SPEAKING ABOUT REGARDING THE COMMUNITY FROM
11 WHERE SHE COMES AND THEIR DESIRE TO SEE FULL SENTENCES SERVED.
12 I JUST WANT TO EMPHASIZE THAT THIS IS REALLY OUT OF STEP AND
13 THAT IF THE SUPERVISOR COULD SOMEHOW BRING FORWARD A STUDY
14 THAT SHOWS THAT BY SOMEBODY SPENDING A FULL SENTENCE, THAT
15 THESE EDITORIALS TALK ABOUT WERE MISGUIDED FROM THE GET GO.
16 EVERYBODY UNDERSTOOD THAT THEY FILLED OUR JAILS BEYOND
17 CAPACITY IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. THERE WAS ONE IN THE L.A.
18 TIMES ABOUT THE CHICAGO PROTOCOL NOW. AND THIS IS NOT A LEFT-
19 RIGHT ISSUE. THIS IS NOT CONSERVATIVES AND LIBERALS. EVEN
20 CONSERVATIVES, PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVES ARE THINKING WE GOT
21 TO DO SOMETHING DIFFERENT BECAUSE IT'S COSTING TOO MUCH. WE
22 NEED TO FIND THE PROGRAMS THAT ARE EVIDENCE-BASED, SIR, LIKE
23 YOU'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT. AND THAT'S WHY I WOULD REALLY ASK
24 THAT WE CAN BRING POSSIBLY THE SUPERVISOR, NOBODY COMES DOWN



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1 HERE AND SAYS "WE WANT MORE PUNISHMENT." NOT ONE PERSON IN ALL
2 THE TIME I'VE BEEN HERE. LET'S GET IT RIGHT.

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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6 **OSCAR JOHNSON:** (LAUGHING)

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8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YOU'RE IN A DREAM WORLD, OSCAR.

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10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** MR. JOHNSON?

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12 **OSCAR JOHNSON:** YES, MY NAME IS OSCAR. I SPEAK FOR THE
13 OPPRESSED. I SPEAK FOR THE STRUGGLING POOR. I SPEAK FOR
14 CULTURE CHANGE. I REMEMBER ABOUT A WEEK AGO I WAS SPEAKING
15 ABOUT THE DOORS OF THE CHURCHES CLOSING. AND IT WAS ON THE
16 INTERNET THAT 3,500 TO 4,000 CHURCHES CLOSE YEARLY IN AMERICA
17 BECAUSE BLACK AMERICA IS VERY UNEMPLOYED. WE'RE VERY POOR
18 COMMUNITY AND WE DO NOT HAVE ANY MONEY TO SUPPORT THE CHURCH.
19 WE DON'T HAVE ANY MONEY TO SUPPORT THE CHURCH. AND THEN WHEN I
20 SEE OUR GOVERNOR, GOVERNOR BROWN, HE SIGNED BY A BILL INTO
21 UNISEX BATHROOMS IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS, THOUGH. I DON'T KNOW
22 THAT THE BILL PASSED OR DID THE BILL NOT PASS, THOUGH? BUT WE
23 NEED BETTER, MORE VALUE IN OUR SOCIETY TODAY. MANY FAMILIES,
24 PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA SAID THAT "ALL AMERICA MUST BE EDUCATED
25 AND ALL AMERICA SHOULD BE MARRIED." BUT AMERICA IS A VERY POOR



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1 WELFARE NATION, AND WE COULD NOT SUPPORT A FAMILY IF WE DON'T
2 HAVE PROPER EMPLOYMENT. ONE MINUTE IS CRUEL, THOUGH.

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4 **MICHAEL KLUBNIKIN:** MR. CHAIRMAN, HONORABLE BOARD, MICHAEL
5 KLUBNIKIN. I THINK YOU'RE GOING TO REAP THE FRUITS FROM
6 TODAY'S DECISION, THAT VOTE ON THE OIL; AND CONVERSELY THERE
7 ARE OTHER DECISIONS THAT AREN'T SO GOOD AND THEY'RE GOING TO
8 BE REAPED ALSO. TWO YEARS AGO, OUR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HIRED
9 ONE OF THE PUBLIC GUARDIANS, AND THAT PUBLIC GUARDIAN HAS SET
10 A FIRESTONE OF CORRUPTION LOOSE AND INADVERTENTLY EXPOSED A
11 WHOLE CRIMINAL ENTERPRISE FROM GOING ON RECORD FALSIFICATION
12 OF MISSTATEMENT OF FACTS IN ORDER TO CONCEAL THE SALE THAT LED
13 TO TWO VALUABLE BEACH HOMES BEING SOLD. BOTTOM LINE IS THEN
14 THE BOARD, INSTEAD OF RECOGNIZING THE ERROR, COVERS IT UP WITH
15 INTERNAL AUDITING. SO IT'S A CREDIT TO YOU THAT YOU DO LISTEN
16 TO THE PUBLIC BECAUSE SOMETIMES THE PUBLIC HAS A GREAT DEAL TO
17 SAY. AND JUST FOR THE RECORD, TODAY WAS THE CRASH OF THE STOCK
18 MARKET IN 1929. 84 YEARS AGO WHICH MARKED THE SEA CHANGE.

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20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY,
21 SIR. WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. MR. SACHS FOLLOWED
22 BY MR. ROBINSON AND THEN FINALLY MR. SERRANO.

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24 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU, GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS.
25 AND THE GRACIOUSNESS OF ONE MINUTE. LAST WEEK I GOT STOPPED



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1 FROM MY PUBLIC COMMENT FOR SOME REASON. AND PART OF THE
2 DISCUSSION WAS THAT YOUR PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND IF YOU YOU CAN'T
3 TAKE THE HEAT, DON'T LET THE DOOR HIT YOU IN YOUR ASS-ETS ON
4 THE WAY OUT. AND I ASS-SUME THAT I CAN SAY ASS-ETS WITHOUT
5 BEING, HAVING MY TIME DELAYED. THIS MTA BOARD MEETING THAT WE
6 JUST HAD, IMAGINE, ARGUING FOR THE TRUTH AND BEING TOLD YOU'RE
7 DISTURBING, YOU'RE CAUSING A DISTURBANCE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH,
8 SUPERVISOR KNABE, FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP THAT YOU SHOWED. IT
9 WOULD BE APPRECIATIVE IF YOU SHOWED THE SAME LEADERSHIP ON THE
10 GREEN LINE. I BELIEVE THE HEADLINE ON THE L.A. TIMES MENTIONED
11 CONNECTION, MAYBE, WITH THE AIRPORT. 25 YEARS, MAYBE, BABY.
12 SOME ASS-ETS.

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14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** MR. ROBINSON, PLEASE?

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16 **RICHARD ROBINSON:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS, HOMELESS PEOPLE ARE
17 NOT THE PROBLEM. THE PROBLEM IS HOMELESSNESS. THE BASIC
18 NECESSITIES OF LIFE, FOOD AND SHELTER. SIR, I AM PREACHING TO
19 THE CHOIR, I KNOW, YOUR HONOR, BUT THE FROST IS ON THE
20 PUMPKIN. PROBLEMATIC WILL BE THIS WINTER AS THOUSANDS OF
21 HOMELESS LEAVE THE WARMTH OF AUTUMN IN THE NORTH AS THE ARCTIC
22 EXPRESS BLASTS DOWN. SO TO MAKE A LONG STORY SHORT, THE
23 HOMELESS NEED YOUR HELP AS WE SEE THE WEATHER'S CHANGING.
24 INCREASINGLY. THANK YOU.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY,
2 SIR. FINAL SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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4 **DAVID SERRANO:** GOD IS THE FATHER AND THE SON AND THE HOLY
5 SPIRIT. THE LORD OUR GOD, THE LORD IS ONE, AMEN. CHRISTIANS
6 LOVE GOD, THE CREATOR OF HEAVEN AND THE UNIVERSE, AMEN.
7 CHRISTIANS AROUND THE WORLD, GOD IS WITH US. PSALM 110, THE
8 LORD SAID TO MY LORD, SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND UNTIL I MAKE YOUR
9 ENEMIES YOUR FOOT STOOL. THE LORD SHALL SEND YOUR ROD THE ROD
10 OF YOUR STRENGTH OUT OF ZION. RULE IN THE MIDST OF YOUR
11 ENEMIES. YOUR PEOPLE SHALL BE VOLUNTEERS IN THE DAY OF YOUR
12 POWER IN THE BEAUTINESS OF HOLINESS FROM THE WOMB OF THE
13 MORNING YE SHALL HAVE THE DEW OF YOUR YOUTH. THE LORD HATH
14 SWORN AND WILL NOT RELENT. YOU ARE A PRIEST FOREVER ACCORDING
15 TO THE ORDER OF MELCHIZIDEK. THE LORD IS AT YOUR RIGHT HAND.
16 HE SHALL EXECUTE KINGS IN THE DAY OF HIS WRATH. HE SHALL JUDGE
17 AMONG THE NATIONS. HE SHALL FILL THE PLACES WITH DEAD BODIES.
18 HE SHALL EXECUTE THE DEAD OF MANY COUNTRIES. HE SHALL DRINK OF
19 THE BROOK BY THE WAYSIDE, THEREFORE HE SHALL LIFT UP HIS HEAD.

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21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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23 **DAVID SERRANO:** SMALL WRITING. SO NEXT TIME I'LL BRING A LARGER
24 PRINT BIBLE. HALLELUJAH. MAY GOD BLESS AMERICA.

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2 MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER?

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4 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT
5 REQUIREMENTS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF
6 SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM
7 NUMBER CS-3, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING
8 LITIGATION, ITEM NUMBER CS-5, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL
9 REGARDING SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION, ONE CASE, ITEM
10 NUMBER CS-6, DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS, ITEM
11 NUMBER CS-7, CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR WILLIAM T
12 FUJIOKA AND DESIGNATED STAFF, AND ITEM NUMBER CS-8, CONFERENCE
13 WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR WILLIAM T FUJIOKA AND RICHARD
14 VOLPERT AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA. THANK YOU.

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1 **REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION OCTOBER 29, 2013**

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5 In open session item CS-1 was continued one week to November
6 5, 2013.

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8 In open session items CS-2 and CS-4 were continued two weeks
9 to November 12, 2013.

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11 There was no reportable action taken on items CS-3, CS-5, CS-
12 6, CS-7 or CS-8.

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